

YOUR SENATOR REPORTS . . .

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Almost from our state's beginning, Oregonians have been aware of the importance of our greatest resource — water. At first our pioneering forefathers used our rivers for transportation. Later, as they settled to a more agrarian life they learned the importance of water to the crops.

In our modern day, Oregon's dependence upon water has multiplied to staggering proportions. It has grown to a point where we, as Oregonians, use over one and one-half billion gallons of water a day to supply our domestic, industrial and agricultural needs—and by 1980 this amount is expected to double.

Fortunately, Oregon has ample water to meet these needs for years to come. But because we are failing to develop this natural resource to its potential, we are running the risk of losing our water to neighbors in the south.

To resolve this threat the 1969 legislature is carefully considering a variety of measures that will accomplish two goals — first, to create an energetic state program to assist in the development of water projects and second, to create a method of providing a more agreeable environment to federal requirements to encourage financial support.

To give you an idea what is being done to meet these two goals, I would like to give you a preview of some of the legislation that is being considered this session. The legislation will include:

Water Right Adjudication

To enable many water projects to even get to the planning stage, vast portions of the Willamette Valley and the western part of the state must be adjudicated for water rights. To accomplish this the state engineer has requested in his budget an appropriation of some \$210,000 to be used to start a 10-year water right adjudication program. This appropriation has passed and is now before the governor for his signature.

Feasibility Studies
Secondly, the legislature is considering a bill, House Bill 1012, that will expand the provisions in Public Law 566 to enable the state engineer to carry on feasibility studies for private projects.

This proposal would expand the beneficiaries of this service. It would expand the service to include irrigation districts, a non-profit corporation or private individuals. Funding would be provided by those using the service.

According to proponents of the bill, irrigationists will benefit because it will provide an efficient way of finding out the feasibility of various anticipated projects throughout the state; thus stimulating more private funding for projects.

Multiple-Purpose Water Districts

A bill that will create multiple-purpose water districts has

been introduced to the legislature. The bill, drafted by Representative Irvin Mann, will revise the present Water Control Law to allow the creation of two separate types of districts — one, it would maintain the present limited or single-purpose district, and second, it would provide means of creating a multiple-purpose district.

Supporters of this bill maintain that a modern water district must be made broad enough to plan for all the uses of water. Such uses include domestic and municipal use, recreation, fishing, wildlife, water pollution abatement and water enhancement. At the same time, this proposal would provide for water districts that need only to meet limited demands. This bill is still in committee.

State Bonding

To round out this preview, it is necessary to look at a proposed bill which, if passed, would get the state into the business of financing water development projects, thus giving us an alternative to private and federal monies. The bill would accomplish three things:

1. It would make Oregon less dependent upon the federal government for funds.
2. It would provide monies for a number of small projects which from a practical standpoint should not serve a multiple purpose.
3. It would make financing more flexible and reasonable in meeting the needs of the irrigationist of Oregon.

Salmon Fishing Out on Columbia

In emergency action April 25 the Oregon Game Commission closed the Columbia River in its entirety to all sport fishing for spring chinook salmon to protect this valuable run of fish which is once more facing serious danger.

The closure will take effect at midnight Sunday, April 27, and remain in effect until further notice. The closure includes the Columbia from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream and all tributary streams above Bonneville Dam.

John McKean, state game director, advised sport fishermen that the action was necessary because of the serious conditions facing the spring chinook run. He said that the cumulative run over Bonneville Dam at this date is well below normal. Just as serious is the heavy discharge of water at all impoundments which has impeded the upstream migration of these fish. Furthermore, McKean said there is a serious nitrogen problem throughout the river caused by the heavy spill which can be expected to cause heavy mortality of the migrant fish.

Concert Displays Talents Of Ione Band Members

By EVA HAMLETT

IONE—The Ione High school band presented a Spring Concert on April 23, in the cafeteria, under the direction of Darrel James. Miss Mary Burnett of Granger, Wn., was a guest oboe soloist.

The concert opened with the band playing the Washington Post March, by John Philip Sousa; Russian Choral Overture, arranged by Merle J. Isaac; and Ceremonial March, by John J. Morissey.

Miss Burnett played Sonata in A Minor, in two parts, by George P. Telemann, on her oboe.

Concert Overture, by Robert G. Johnson, and Jol, by Robert Logan, were played by the band.

David Marick, sousaphone soloist, was heard in two numbers, Concerto No. 4, Op. 65, by George Goltzmann and arranged by W. Bell; and The Happy Hippo, by Norman Ward.

After a short intermission, Mary Burnett, oboe soloist, again played Concerto da Camera (excerpts) by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and Love is Blue by Andre Popp.

The last group by the band consisted of March from 2nd Symphony by Gustav Mahler, Sound of Silence by Paul Simon, Shades of Gray by B. Mann and C. Well, and LaBella Roma by John Cacavas. The band concluded with an encore number.

Harold Beggs introduced Miss Burnett and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, the Concert Band, and Darrel James, director.

May 15 is the date set for band concert featuring the beginners band, the Junior High Band, and the "Coraletes".

Darrel James and David Marick drove to Salem Saturday, April 26, where David played in state competition. He was District VII solo winner in the sousaphone section. Although David did not place in the competition, he said it was an experience he would remember for a long time.

The 4-H livestock judging club of the Ione and Gooseberry groups held a field day on Sunday, April 20. They first met at the Jim West home on Rhea Creek, where they judged pigs, then on to the Herbert Ekstrom ranch where they judged beef. From there they traveled to the George Griffith home at Morgan and judged the sheep, and were shown slides by Mrs. Henry Kebs on the Krebs sheep operation at Cecil. Following this the young people, their leaders and parents enjoyed a potluck supper.

The Junior class of the Ione High school has been busy the last couple of weeks decorating for the Junior-Senior Prom, which will be held Saturday evening, May 3. The annual banquet will be held Friday evening, May 2.

The Open House for Mrs. Mary Lundell on her 85th birthday, Sunday, May 4, will be at her home. Hostesses are Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. Darlene Gardner, Mrs. Garland Swanson and Mrs. Adon Hamlett.

Jack Crum spent last week visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crum. Jack will spend a few days in California visiting relatives and will report to Fort Walters in Texas for helicopter training.

At the May 8 meeting of the PTA the Ione High School speech class under the direction of Bill Flechtner, will present a one-act play as part of the program.

Miss Charlotte Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith, spent the week-end at the home of her parents. She was accompanied by Mrs. Frances Mitchell who visited relatives in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Jr., drove to Eugene last week to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, and family. On the way home they stopped to visit Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Sr., and Mrs. M. C. Ramsdell in Portland.

The Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ met at the home of Mrs. Darrel William on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Harold Beggs was co-hostess. Main discussion was on the annual clothing drive to be conducted the first two weeks in May. All types of clothing may be left at Bristow's store or in the church basement. This clothing is to be distributed to the County Welfare and other needy agencies. The May meeting will be held at the church

to sort clothes and will be announced at a later date.

Election of officers for the coming term was held and Mrs. Darrel Wilson was elected president; Mrs. F. M. Luedde, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Ron Umbarger, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Leland McKinney, witness chairman; Mrs. Delsie Chapel, worship chairman; Mrs. Frederick Martin, study chairman.

Mrs. Alvin McCabe and sons, Ashley, Kevin, and Jim from Colfax, Wn., arrived Friday. On Saturday, along with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, and Scott Crabtree of Lexington, they drove to Portland, to meet other relatives and friends from Portland and Salem at the airport to await the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gellinas and son, Tim, from the East, on their way home from Germany. Among the friends formerly from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson, The Crabtrees, McCabes, Gellinas, and Mrs. Crabtree of Salem. Mrs. Blanche Scheeler of Salem, returned to Ione that evening. Mrs. McCabe, Ashley and Kevin, returned to Colfax, Tuesday, however, Jim remained with his grandparents.

Miss Marianne Pettyjohn won first place in barrel racing at the Mustangers Jackpot Team and Calif Roping outing in Pendleton on Saturday. Sunday they had the same thing in Hermiston and Marianne placed third there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Martin returned home last Tuesday from a 10-day trip that took them 3840 miles. They drove to Bend where they met their son, Ralph, and Mr. Martin's sister, Miss Marie Martin of Portland. From there they drove to Modesto, Calif., to visit another sister, Mrs. R. B. Mason and Mr. Mason. Leaving there they went to Yosemite National Park and Death Valley National Monument. They stayed overnight in Las Vegas, Nev., leaving there to visit Hoover Dam and drive the south side route of the Grand Canyon National Park. Continuing on their way they visited Sunset National Monument and Wupatki (Indian ruins) National Monuments, and the picturesque Oak Creek Canyon, arriving in Phoenix, Ariz. While there they visited the Saguaro National Monument and the Botanical Gardens out of Phoenix. They journeyed on to Tucson, Ariz., and among the places visited was old Tucson, where they film the TV series, High Chapparal. On their way home they went past Mt. Whitney.

Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Horton of Dallas, and her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Horton of Roseburg took this same trip, but had a longer time. The Horton families arrived in Ione on Friday and spent the week-end at the Martin home.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Fredrick Martin last Tuesday evening were Mrs. Edward Grandt of Arch Cape, president of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and Mrs. Raymond Elmstrom, state treasurer of Portland. They were here for the District Meeting of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., last Wednesday.

Coming Events:

- MAY—
2—High School baseball, Ione at Umatilla
2—Junior-Senior banquet
3—Junior-Senior Prom
4—Open House, Mary Lundells
6—High school baseball, Ione at Riverside
8—PTA
9—High School baseball, Hermiston at Ione
13—High School baseball, Ione at Echo
15—Spring Band Concert

Program to Feature Music by Students

Spring music program of the Heppner Elementary school will be Wednesday evening, May 14, in the grade school gymnasium. A few items of Parent-Teacher Association business will open the evening, at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens, music instructor, will present the grade students in a variety of numbers, following the short business meeting. Parents are urged to attend.



ROBERT EMMETT HUGHES

R. E. Hughes Dies in Salem

Graveside services were held in Salem on Friday, April 11, for Robert (Bob) Emmett Hughes, who passed away in Salem on April 9, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Hughes was well known in the Heppner area and had many friends and relatives here. He was born in Heppner on December 11, 1896, and spent his early years here while attending Heppner schools. He was graduated from Heppner High School in 1917 and attended Oregon State University, where he was graduated with a degree in Pharmacy in 1921. His college career was interrupted for a short time while he served with the Navy during World War I.

Mr. Hughes worked for a few years as a pharmacist in the Woodburn and Sherwood areas, before moving to McMinnville where he purchased his own pharmacy, which he operated for 29 years. Following his retirement in 1962, he moved to the Salem area, where he has worked part time in pharmacy for the past several years. He was a pharmacist for a total of 48 years. He was a member of the Masons and the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Belle, daughter, Sharon Lee of Salem, and son, Robert Emmett, Jr., of Kalamazoo, Mich., three grandchildren, three sisters, Lena Kelly of Heppner, Edith Pfeil of Salem, Ethel Gaarde of Murphys, Calif., four half-sisters, Edna Kohlman of Portland, Melba Quackenbush, Betty Pettyjohn and June Belenbrook, all of Heppner, and three half-brothers, Elwyn Hughes and Matt Hughes, both of Heppner and Homer Hughes of Lexington.

Brief Illness Claims Father of Glen Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward and family were called to Haines last week when they received word of the sudden death of his father, Raymond Ward. Mr. Ward, 69, died Thursday, April 24, in a Baker hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 28, at Gray West and Co., funeral home in Baker with interment in the family plot at Haines.

Others from Heppner who traveled to Baker for the service were Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Buschke, Mrs. Grace Buschke and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings.

Death Claims Mrs. Blakney, Former Resident

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 24, at Ingle Chapel in Milton-Freewater for Mrs. Fay A. Blakney, 82, well known former Heppner resident, and mother of Phil Blakney.

Rev. Arden Fritz officiated at the ceremony and interment was in the Milton-Freewater cemetery.

Mrs. Blakney died in a Prosser, Wn., hospital on Monday, April 21.

She had been a resident of Prosser for the last seven years, since moving from Heppner with her son, Phil, and family in 1962. Blakney operated the former Phil's Pharmacy store here prior to moving to Prosser, where he now operates a drug pharmacy. Her husband preceded her in death in 1959. She was a member of the Christian church of Milton-Freewater.

Her survivors include two sons, Phil of Prosser and George of Seattle; one brother, Walter Powell, and one sister, Mrs. Lee Carlson, both of Milton-Freewater, and 11 grandchildren.

Low activities at the Pioneer Memorial Picnic, Dances will be held Friday and Saturday nights, and a Cowboy Breakfast is planned for Saturday morning.

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Rodeo Board Helps Plan College Event

Six directors of the Morrow County Rodeo board and the secretary traveled to Pendleton on April 18 to meet with members of Blue Mountain Community College Rodeo Club. Plans were discussed for the coming Intercollegiate Regional Rodeo to be held at the Heppner grounds on Memorial Day weekend.

Between 12 and 15 schools are expected to participate. Big Bend Rodeo Co. of Wapinitia, has been contracted to furnish stock for bucking events, with local stock used for timing events. Bob Chambers of Pendleton will be the official announcer. The local board is expected to assist with parking and policing the grounds.

First performance on Friday afternoon will immediately fol-

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MOUNTED GYMKHANA — 1 P.M.
JUNIOR TRACK & FIELD MEET — 1:30 P.M.
MOTOR BIKE—ENGLISH TRIALS — 2 P.M.
CHICKEN BROILERCUE — 4:30 P.M.
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