

Flash flood alarm . . .

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contains a tone receiver, battery, power supply and a set of indicator status lights.

According to Heppner Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine, this alarm system could be connected to the existing fire alarm system in Heppner.

Each of the flash flood alarm systems will cost \$5,000 and maintenance cost would be \$1500 a year. The Department of Commerce will install and maintain the alarm systems and the only remaining cost left is the telephone and power bill.

The other flood warning system, the precipitation gauge, could be installed at either Shobe Canyon or Balm Fork.

This system would relay to a satellite such information as precipitation, river crests, river speeds, temperatures and flood data.

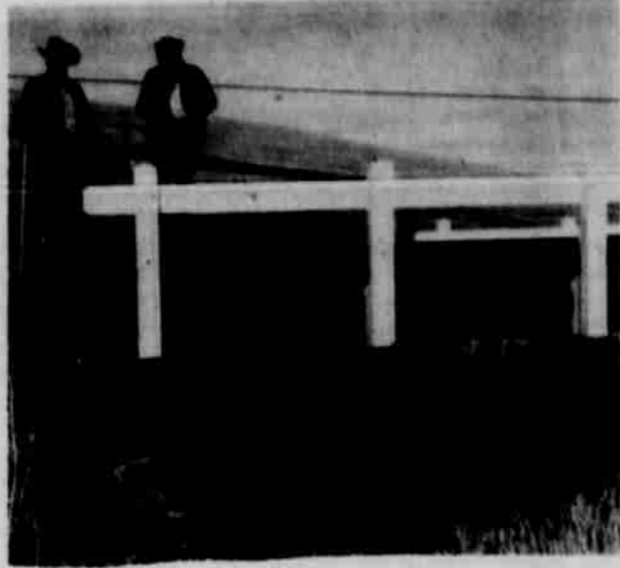
The data would be recorded every 15 minutes and transmitted to the satellite, where it

would be sent to a central recording station on the East Coast. Then the information would be sent to the Portland weather office. In case of a flash flood, the recorded data could be obtained in Portland in a matter of minutes.

Dave Franzen, Soil Conservation Service, pointed out "This precipitation gauge would help evaluate the work done on the Shobe Canyon watershed. It would tell how much water is at the head of the canyon, and with a stream flow gauge we could record the measure of flow downstream."

This precipitation gauge would also cost \$5,000 with the government picking up all the cost.

"Both these systems could be installed before June of 1974," concluded Bauman. "All that needs to be done is the approval of the community."



Rancher Dick Wilkinson and Soil Conservationist Dave Franzen look over a possible site for the flash flood alarm system on Upper Shobe Canyon.



Balm Fork is the other possible site for the flash flood alarm system.

Alma L. Beckett dies in Portland

Alma Lucille Beckett, wife of John William Beckett, formerly of Heppner, died in Portland, Sept. 24.

She was the mother of Robert Beckett, San Francisco; Alma Lou Turner, Los Altos, Ca.; and Lawrence Beckett, at the family home. She left one sister, Edith F. Sult, Venice, Ca.; and brothers, Carl C., Spring Valley, Ca.; Steven S., Puyallup, Wn.; Lawrence L., Vista, Ca.; and Donald D., Gwinn, Michigan. She also left grandchildren Bretley and Candace, Los Altos.

Funeral services were held at Ross Hollywood Chapel, Portland, Thursday, Sept. 27, followed by private interment at Rose City Cemetery.

Her father, Fred F. Wehmeyer, was ranger for the Heppner District, U.S. Forest Service, in the early '30s, and she was a graduate of Heppner High School. Mr. Wehmeyer died last July 4. Her mother, Emma F. Wehmeyer, died in 1947.

Going to Portland for the services were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket, brother and sister-in-law, respectively, of J.W. Beckett.

Ida M. Gammell dies in Veneta

Former resident Ida Mary Gammell, 85, died Sept. 20 at her home in Veneta Ore.

Mrs. Gammell was born June 24, 1888, in the Veneta area. She was married to Arthur Gammell on Dec. 25, 1907, in Veneta.

For many years, the Gammells were Lexington-Heppner area ranchers. They returned to Veneta in September of 1947.

Mr. Gammell preceded her in death in September, 1968, in Veneta. She was also preceded

in death by five children. Survivors include one son, Edwin Gammell, Reedsport; three daughters, Edna Pearson, Hoquiam, Wn.; Vada DeMoss, Moro, and Helen Stevens, Hardman; 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Concluding services were Monday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m. at Poole-Larsen Chapel, Eugene, with Rev. Willett Jessee officiating. Vault interment was in Westlawn Memorial Cemetery.

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Free the economy, Packwood urges

Eugene—"The American economy can no longer stand the strain of excessive governmental interference," Oregon Senator Bob Packwood said today in a speech at the annual Associated Oregon Industries and Oregon Retail Council Conference at the Eugene Hotel.

"In 1971, I was one of four United States Senators to oppose legislation to give the president the power to impose restraints on our economy," Packwood explained, "as I felt at that time the economy was resilient enough to stabilize itself without placing artificial controls on wages and prices."

"Once the president was given the authority to restrain our economy," Packwood pointed out, "I felt it appropriate to support his efforts."

"It now appears that wage and price controls are being administered so unfairly and unwisely as to render them useless, and I fear even harmful, in combating inflation," Packwood protested. "The Cost of Living Council has, in my opinion, developed

some of the most ill-conceived and ill-planned economic remedies that we have seen thus far."

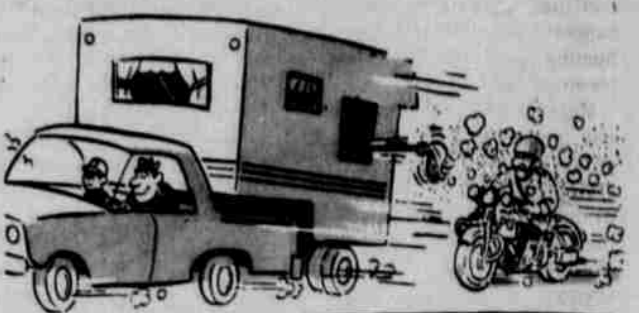
"I, for one, would find it extremely difficult to vote for the continuation of the authority which has established such unfair practices," the Oregon Senator concluded. "It may be time for the experts to give the economy a breather and allow it to reach its own level of operation."

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