Federal officials outline flood plain input in Ione

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complete, "I haven't found any significant errors in the Corps' analysis," said Chuck Steele of the FIA's regional office in Seattle. One of the FIA specialists checking the data stated that the Corps' methods used in determining the 100 year flood level were "technically appropriate," and stated further that "the figures may even be underestimated for potential flooding."

"The potential is there," Steele told those attending the Ione public hearing. "In other parts of the basin, you have already seen floods that far exceed the 100-year projections," he said, citing Heppner's 1903 flood and a flood in Shobe Canyon earlier this decade as examples.

The comments were cooly received by those attending the public meeting, many of whom voiced criticism and skepticism over the flood projections. "You haven't seen it, so you can't believe it," said Steele after one such exchange. "...But that doesn't mean that it's not going to happen."

While conceding that flood zone designations "will have a very serious impact on Ione," Steele stated that the situation may not "be as bleak as some have envisioned. We never like to say that something is totally lost."

Steele noted that all existing homes in the flood-designated areas, plus those built before the flood insurance program becomes final in 1980, would be able to carry the current subsidized flood insurance rate of 25 cents per $100 of value, under a "grandaddy" clause. Such homes in the flood zones could be sold, with the insurance transferable to new owners at the same rates.

Participation in the flood insurance program, however, would require cities to pass ordinances outlawing any new construction in floodway designated areas. However, Steele said, variances could possibly be granted in isolated instances in floodway zones, following a case-by-case review. But, Steele acknowledged, "to put in a new subdivision can't be permitted." Cities granting large numbers of variances would likely risk being expelled from the insurance program, he noted.

In flood plain designated areas, new housing is still possible, if builders use fill or raise foundations to place the floor level above the 100-year flood elevation. Since much of the flood plain area lies only two or three feet below the 100-year flood crest "an extra block in the foundation or a foot or two of fill" may be all it would take to build a new home in compliance with regulations.

Ron Barrett of the Corps of Engineers told members of the Morrow County Intergovernmental Council that a completed preliminary flood map for Heppner would be completed by May of next year. That map would become official, if an appeals procedure fails to turn up any valid criticism of the date.

Steele said the two FIA specialists reviewing the Ione flood plain data are checking for validity "that would hold up in a court of law."

"The only reason the city went along with this dam was to eliminate the flood plain in Heppner," Mayor Jerry Sweeney said, after seeing the preliminary map Tuesday for the first time. "I don't see how we could justify it now...I know the council won't go along with this."

Heppner City Council news

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irrigation puposes. The council indicated that that it would inform the DEQ that the city was investigating the possibility and would hold a public hearing on the subject sometime in the future.

In other business, the council voted to approve a restricted liquor license to the West of Willow restaurant. The license, if given final approval by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, would allow the restaurant to serve "hard" liquor at banquets and catered parties.

Police report listed

A Heppner man was arrested for disorderly conduct and a Hermiston man charged with menacing, following a fight outside a downtown Heppner tavern Saturday night.

Charged with disorderly conduct was Charles K. Lindsay of Heppner. Facing the menacing charge is Richard Gammell of Rt. 2, Hermiston.

According to police reports, the arrests were made following a fight between Gammell and his brother and Lindsay and his brother in a parking lot behind Cal's Cafe and Lounge. Gammell allegedly brandished a 30-30 rifle after the fight, firing one shot in the process, striking no one.

City and state police reported that force was required in making the arrests. A 30-30 rifle and spent shell were found under a vehicle in which the Gammell brothers were sitting following the incident, police reports stated.

Both men posted bond shortly after their arrests

John Paul Wishart, 18, of Heppner was charged with criminal mischief for allegedly rolling tires from the Les Schwab Tire Center into a city street. A juvenile boy was also apprehended in the same incident.

A Scio man was charged with criminal mischief by city police Sunday, after he allegedly broke out a window in a lavatory in the Morrow County Courthouse.

OBITUARIES

Marion R. Saling

Marion R. Saling, 75, Echo, died Sunday in Pendleton Community Hospital.

He was born in Heppner on May 26, 1903, the son of Wright and Corda Warren Saling.

He was married to Hazel McDonald on Aug. 29, 1927, at Heppner. They lived in Hardman for seven years following their marriage. During World War II he worked at the Pendleton Air Base, and lived in Pendleton from 1941 to 1963. He was employed by the U.S. Forest Service for many years, both at Heppner and Pendleton. Following his retirement they moved to Stanfield, and have lived in Echo since June of 1969.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Methodist Church, with the Rev. Steve Tollefson officiating. Sacred selections were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, with Carley Drake as organist. Concluding services and vault interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with Burns Mortuary, Pendleton, in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Creston Robinson, Sherrill McDonald, Kyle Robinson, Elmer Steers, Bobby Eaglehart and Pat Wood. Honorary bearers were Clint Case, Sam Steers, Kenneth Batty and Louis Umbarger.

Mr. Saling is survived by his wife, Hazel, Echo; a son, Jerry, Rouzerville, Pa; two daughters, Lois L. Lee, Weiser, Idaho; and Arleta Sampson, Pendleton; a brother, Mike Saling, Heppner; three sisters, Violet Myers, Beaverton; Mary Scott, Eugene; and Marie Martin, Lake Oswego; twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Quiller Burns

Funeral services for Quiller Burns, 70, of Eagle River, Alaska, were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner with the Rev. Kenneth Miller officiating. Mr. Burns died Thursday, Nov. 30 at Baird, Texas.

Concluding services and interment were at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner in charge of arrangements. Sacred selections were sung by the congregation, accompanied by Gail Hughes at the organ.

Casket bearers were Stephen Lindstrom, Charles O'Connor, Glen Griffith, Stanley Magill, Gene Rietmann and Howard Crowell.

Mr. Burns was born Sept. 30, 1908 at Colorado City, Texas and was a retired warehousman, having worked for the U.S. Army at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

He was married to a former Morrow County resident, Virginia Griffin, at Eagle River on Feb. 20, 1965. Mr. Burns was a charter member of the Alaska Lapidary Society, a member of the Chughack Gem and Mineral Society, the Palmer Moose Lodge and All Saints Episcopal Church of Eagle River.

Mr. Burns is survived by wife Virginia, at the home; a brother, William E. Burns of Godley, Texas, and several nieces and nephews.

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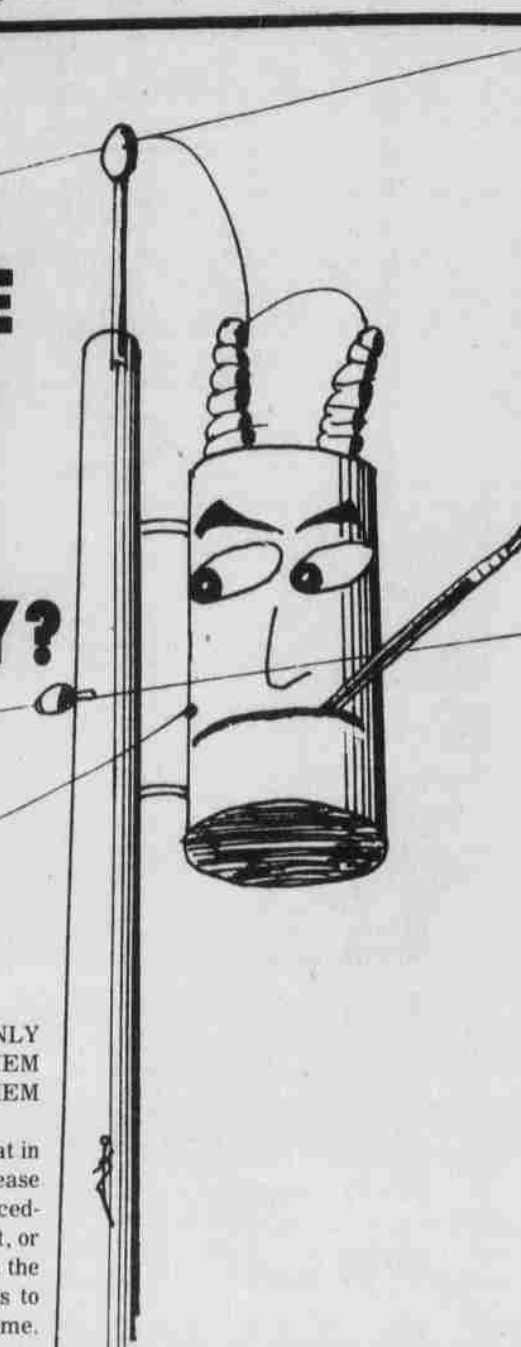

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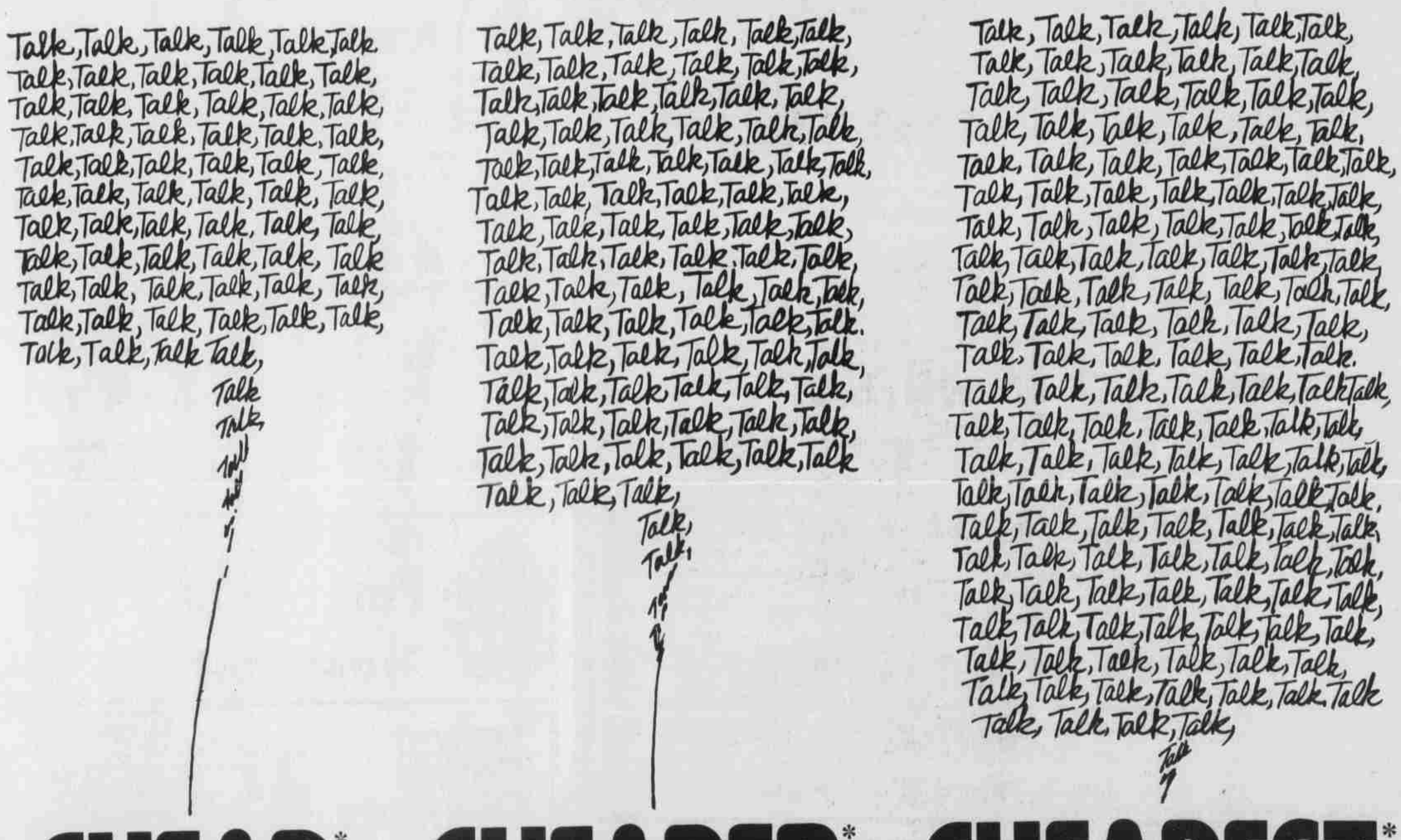

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