

Detailed Forecasts For Reservoir and Streamflow Water Supplies Given Here

Additional details on the 15th annual water forecast meeting held this week in Klamath Falls were given Saturday by W. T. "Jack" Frost, in charge of snow surveys for the soil conservation service and Oregon State college experiment station.

Good to very good water supplies for irrigation were predicted for the Klamath Basin and southern Oregon west of the Cascades.

Fourteen representatives of agencies concerned with water supplies attending the meeting, the last of nine such conferences held throughout the state in the last ten days. In every section of Klamath, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties adequate irrigation water is in sight, Frost reported, though a repeat of last year's shortage of precipitation could make trouble for some late water rights.

Spring Growth Delayed
The higher indications for summer streamflow and reservoir storage are in spite of only average or below-average total precipitation over farm and range lands for the crop year starting last fall. Agricultural agents present from Klamath and Jackson counties reported spring growth delayed, but excellent crop land soil moisture conditions.

Soils are unfrozen under the snows throughout the region and are already muddy at most points. A well-sustained flow of most streams is expected, rather than quick peak points, unless warm weather and rains should hasten the melt.

Klamath Basin snows have been greatly increased in water content during March so that they now hold more water than in the heavy runoff year of 1948 and considerably more than average. High elevation snows sold slightly less water than a year ago, while the low-elevation snow pack is much wetter than usual.

Examples Given
Some examples of the heavy snow measured this year as of April 1 are as follows: Annie spring at Crater Lake has 129.0 inches of snow containing 52.3 inches of water, compared with 46.9 inches in 1948 and 58.2 inches last year. Average snow water content is 43.2 inches. At Seven Lakes basin the 175.4 inches of snow contains 74.5 inches of water compared with 37.2 inches in 1948, 77.6 inches last year, and an average of 54.5 inches. On the east side of Klamath basin at Summer rim the snow is 57.9 inches deep and contains 20.4 inches of water compared with 14.9 inches last year, 14.8 inches in 1948 and an average of 15.7 inches.

Streamflow throughout the entire area for the six-month period April through September were forecast at amounts from 81 to 140 per cent of average. Following are the forecasts made for the various streams affecting irrigation and power generation conditions in the area for the six months of April to September, all based on the assumption of average weather conditions for the spring and summer seasons:

Streamflow Predictions

North fork of Rogue river above Prospect — estimated at 375,000 acre feet, exactly the same flow as measured in 1949 and 36 per cent above average.

Rogue Middle fork with power canal — estimated at 86,000 acre feet, compared with 83,100 acre feet in 1948 and 26 per cent above average.

Rogue South fork above Imnaha creek — estimated at 70,000 acre feet compared with 80,300 acre feet last year and 40 per cent above average. A new gauging station has been established below Imnaha creek and the power diversion but flow of those two streams can be added to this forecast for verification.

Rogue river below South fork — estimated at 732,500 acre feet in 1948 and 26 per cent above average. Flow at Savage Rapids dam is expected to remain well above the level when alternation of pumping is necessary.

Fourmile lake reservoir — estimated remaining inflow at 8,000 acre feet compared with 11,000 in 1948 and 11 per cent above average. Present storage is 7,500 acre feet compared with 7,300 last year.

Fish Lake Up
Fish Lake reservoir — estimated inflow remaining is 16,000 acre feet compared with 16,200 acre feet in 1948, and 23 per cent above average. Present storage is 4,900 acre feet compared with 5,100 last year. Total water available to Medford and Rogue River Irrigation districts from these two sources is 36,000 acre feet. This will be ample with the other water sources that will be available, according to Ed Leach, superintendent of the Medford district.

Hyatt reservoir — estimated inflow remaining at 6,500 acre feet compared with about 6,900 acre feet last year and 27 per cent of average. Hyatt lake now holds 4,900 acre feet compared with 8,100 last year.

Emigrant reservoir now full at 8,200 acre feet. Talent Irrigation district will have a little less water than last year but enough to satisfy irrigation needs provided last year's drought is

not repeated, according to Bob Kent, manager.

McDonald Creek canal — flow which last year was shut off on August 18, will possibly be cut off again on the 10th this year.

Aplegate Low

Big Aplegate river — estimated to flow 130,000 acre feet at Ruch. This will compare with 160,300 acre feet in 1948, and will be 23 per cent of average. Late water rights will be cut off before the close of the season.

North Umpqua river below Lake creek — estimated at 165,000 acre feet compared with 183,000 last year and will be 10 per cent above average.

Clearwater river above Trap creek — estimated at 65,000 acre feet compared with 71,800 last year. Average is 58,500 acre feet.

Others who took part in the meeting were R. L. Cooper, Rogue River national forest, of Klamath Falls; William L. Wales, watermaster of Klamath county; G. Lee Sneddon, Crater Lake national park; Lester Y. Marshall, Medford Irrigation district; W. B. Tucker, county agent at Medford; C. A. Henderson, county agent at Klamath Falls; Ted M. Hon, manager Grants Pass Irrigation district; Lester Davenport, soil conservation service at Klamath Falls; Harry Olsen, engineer with California Oregon Power company at Medford; and Bob Kent, manager of Talent Irrigation district, Talent.

Ex-Mental Patient, Death Suspect Dies

Chapel Hill, N. C., Apr. 8—(U.P.)—A former mental patient hunted by police for killing a young college student here was found dead today near a shaded outdoor theater. Police said he had committed suicide.

Len Broughton Smith, 30-year-old ex-student at the University of North Carolina, had been the object of a frantic search since he was leaving the white frame rooming house where Student George Lemuel Bennett Jr., 22, was shot to death in his basement room yesterday. Fear had gripped this idyllic college town when it was learned that the building, heavy-set man, armed and considered dangerous, had been released from a Fayetteville veterans' hospital last year over the protests of psychiatrists.

SHOULD HAVE WAITED

Milwaukee (U.P.) — Mrs. Max R. Nack Milwaukee, proudly showed up at a card party with "the girls" to show off her new permanent. She also won the door prize—one permanent.

New City Park Name Ballot

(Note: Voting open to residents of Medford and vicinity. Submit ballot between April 3 and midnight, April 12 to Park Name Poll, City Hall, Medford, Ore. Winning name to be selected by park advisory committee and approved by city council.)

My choice.....Park
Name.....
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Park Name Poll Ballots Due By Wednesday at Midnight

Ballots in Medford's new city park name poll must be mailed by midnight Wednesday, April 12, L. J. "Bill" Cox, chairman of the city park advisory committee, reminded residents yesterday. At the same time he urged all persons residing in the Medford area to submit their suggestions.

Purpose of the poll, which opened April 3, is to help the advisory committee and the city council pick a name for the new city park area east of Bear creek and between Main and Jackson streets. In his request that all citizens participate, Cox pointed out that it was the consensus of the donors of the park property that the public be consulted in choosing a name.

Ballots Arrive

City Treasurer Darrell Huson, member of the advisory group, reported that ballots have been arriving all week and that as of yesterday noon there were only two duplications. Ballots are to be addressed to Park Name Poll, City Hall, Medford.

The voting is not a contest. No prizes are planned. However, special recognition of some kind will be made for the person or persons who suggest the name chosen. Cox explained that a number of people may propose the name judged best.

Group To Judge

The advisory group will act as a board of judges and will begin a series of meetings Thursday. Final decision rests with the city council. Cox said the committee probably will pick several names for submission to the council along with a recommendation for the one members judge best. The judges' recommendation is scheduled to go to the council at its meeting on April 18.

Cox brought out that the poll is being conducted only for a

Office of Chamber Now in New Location

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce yesterday left its old quarters in the Medford hotel and moved into commodious and brightly decorated new offices at 5 South Riverside avenue.

The office staff, Mrs. Lance Pitts and Mrs. Willy Fisher, will be available to serve tourists and valley residents Monday morning with travel, economic, industrial and other information about Jackson county.

Chamber Manager Don Lane will be absent from his office here for another two weeks. He is in Los Angeles to represent the Pacific northwest at the annual Los Angeles travel show.

Edison's Light Bulb Good, Old One Proves

Mount Carmel, Pa. (U.P.) — John Laduka was rummaging through the ruins of a torn-down lively stable 29 years ago when he came across an old Edison carbon filament light globe. He put the bulb in a light socket in his bedroom and has been using it ever since.

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Permit Values Up By 257 Per Cent

The \$251,744 in building permit values reported in Medford for February of this year represented an increase of 257 per cent over the building volume for the same month in 1949, according to the Pacific northwest building data released by the Equitable Savings and Loan association. It was an increase of 31 per cent over January of this year.

Though it normally ranks fourth in building activity in the state, Medford dropped to fifth position in February, giving way to Roseburg. With the exception of Portland, which is almost always first, the other cities in the state seldom follow their population ranks in relation to construction work. In February, Eugene, as usual, was second. Salem was third, Roseburg fourth, Medford fifth, Springfield sixth and Klamath Falls seventh.

HOUSE IS TARGET

Fort Worth, Tex. (U.P.)—The faith of the Horace L. Spaulding in the sturdiness of their home has been shaken now three times within a year. Each time, it's been vehicles out of control that have smashed into the house.

Touring Bixbys Stay In Tokyo for Easter

Tokyo, Apr. 8—(U.P.)—The Fly-ing Bixbys of California became the touring Bixbys today when they decided to stay over in Tokyo for Easter Sunday and see the cherry blossoms.

The man and wife round-the-world flying team of Dianna and Bob Bixby made this decision after a second stroke of mechanical misfortune with their converted Mosquito bomber, the Huntress II.

The plane's braking failed

when Dianna brought it in to a landing at Haneda airport early today at the end of a flight from Calcutta, India.

The plane kept on going right down the runway and came to a stop in deep mud off the end of the runway just short of Tokyo bay.

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