

Committee Advises Coordinated Water Resources Policy

Portland—Seven men who have spent a year-and-a-half studying water resources in Oregon this week recommended a coordinated system of water resources development.

Warning that continued uncoordinated use of the state's primary natural resource could hamper full development of its economy, the Oregon Water Resources committee recommended that a centralized water control agency be set up, together with a statewide code for use of ground water.

The committee, headed by Lyle F. Watts, Portland, proposed in a report for the 1955 Legislature that a Water Resources board be set up with powers to develop a coordinated system of water resources development in Oregon.

The committee, composed of J. W. Barney, Hillsboro; Curtis T. Beecher, Roseburg; J. D. Bennett, Ontario; LaSelle E. Coles, Prineville; Frank C. McCulloch, Portland; and K. W. Sawyer, Portland, and Watts, was created by the 1953 Legislature to inventory Oregon's dwindling water supplies and to draw up

a plan for wiser use of the resources.

Don Lane, Portland, former manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, served the committee as executive secretary, and compiled and edited the 203-page report.

Along with the recommendation for a Water Resources Board, the committee proposed legislation creating a ground water code. It would give the state power to require licensing of well drillers, to prescribe the manner of use of ground water, and to adjudicate the appropriation of ground water for users who would get the most good out of it.

The water board recommended by the committee would take over the functions now performed by both the Willamette River and Upper Columbia River Basin commissions. Also, certain powers of the State Hydroelectric commission would go to the new board, as well as the policy-making powers of the State Irrigation board. Review powers now held by the State Reclamation commission would likewise be taken over to avoid duplication of function.

The committee recommended that the water board be authorized to resolve conflicts after public hearings, with the provision that the same set of standards be applicable to all water uses.

The committee's report was undertaken following a series of hearings held in 15 representative sections of the state to sound out public opinion in Oregon's water problems.

Watts said the hearings resulted in such unanimity of opinion that the committee was able to embody nearly all the public proposals in its own recommendations.

In a summary of its findings, the committee pointed out that Oregon has adequate water supplies for many years to come, but it emphasized that "the state is handicapped in full utilization of this resource because of unequal distribution between areas and seasons."

Water Over-Appropriated
Minimum flows of most streams in Oregon are over-appropriated during the period of peak demand, yet the state suffers average annual flood damage in excess of \$19,000,000, the committee reported.

It pointed up the urgency of the water supply problem by citing the increase in rate of water use applications, which has doubled since World War II. It estimated that agricultural use of water will double in the next 25 years. It predicted that municipal water requirements will increase from a present demand of 66,000,000,000 gallons annually to 110,000,000,000 gallons by 1975, and that the requirements of Oregon's two major water-using industries, the processing of timber and agricultural products, will increase from 5 to 10 times in the foreseeable future.

Four County Men Join Air Force

Four Medford area men have been enlisted into the United States Air Force here recently, according to M/Sgt. Verville F. Nickell. A fifth Medford area man has reenlisted in the Air Force for a six-year period.

Griffin Edward Ownby and James Louis Capello were enlisted under the "buddy system" now in force in the Air Force, which means they will take basic training together.

Ownby's son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ownby, 32 South Columbus ave., and Capello is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Capello, Butte Falls.

Also enlisting under the "buddy system" were Donald G. Voss, former Medford resident whose father, Gus Voss, now lives at Siska, Alaska, and Bruce P. Bailey, son of Mrs. Ethel McCauley, 305 North Central ave. Airman 1/c Mervyn C. Gleason, 517 1/2 J st., has reenlisted in the Air Force for six years and is now stationed at Portland Air Force base.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Clara Young, deceased, with the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon, and that said court has set January 24, 1955, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the Court Room of said Court in the Court House at Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why said final account should not be approved by said court and said administrator discharged from his trust, and file any such objections on or before said date.

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Charley L. Givan, Administrator of the estate of Clara Young, deceased.

Crum and Harbison Attorneys for Administrator

As We Live

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On Engagement

A good rule to follow when doubt arises is to wait and see how you feel as time passes. A girl writes:

(Q) "I am 19 years old and madly in love with a fellow of 23. At times he says he loves me and sometimes he doesn't know. A few times he asked me to marry him and then sometimes he acts indifferent. What could that mean? I've been going with him for three years. He was in the Army for two years. Do you think I should give him up or wait until he makes up his mind? I am dating others, but I want to marry him."

(A) There is certainly some doubt in your mind about this young man or you would not raise the question of giving him up. You would know you wanted him even if it meant waiting for years.

In his mind, also, there is doubt. Otherwise he would not treat you with indifference nor would he stall on the matter of becoming engaged.

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

It may be that he is not sure that he loves you enough. Or his indecision may result from a generally unsettled state that has come from his being in the Army for two years.

He must get back to civilian life, get started in business and settled down to a pattern of life that will be different from what he had in the Army. Many young men are very much unsettled for a year or so after they leave the service. They often do not know just what they want to do.

Until he gets over his unsettled state, whatever has caused it, he is certainly not a good marriage risk. His doubts about marriage naturally make you wonder if you would be happy with him.

Under such conditions, the only thing to do is wait. Since you love him, keep on seeing him. But don't give up your other friends. Dating other men will help you to keep a perspective on this matter and will keep you from being left high and dry if this man decides he does not want to marry you.

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