

# Thornton Tells on Overruling on IPC Needing State Dam Permits

Salem—U.P.—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today he had overruled on March 8 one of two allegedly contradictory opinions as to the necessity of Idaho Power company obtaining state permits for building its three low dams on the Snake river.

The Salem Capital Journal in a front page story yesterday said Thornton's March 1 ruling that Idaho Power would be violating Oregon criminal law if it proceeded with construction of the Snake river dams without a state license was in contradiction of an earlier decision.

### Letter to Water Board

The daily newspaper said the earlier decision—on Oct. 26, 1955—was in a letter to the Water Resources board from Thornton's assistant, John D. Nichols. In that letter, the newspaper said, Nichols pointed out that in two cases the United States had ruled that hydroelectric projects built on federal lands or on navigable streams were under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal power commission.

"It is impossible for me to conclude anything except that the application to the Oregon Hydroelectric commission and perhaps ultimately to this board (Water Resources board) would

be a matter of courtesy by the applicant, and nothing more," Nichols' letter of opinion stated.

Thornton answered, however, that the Nichols decision was made while he was on active service with the armed forces and that when the letter was shown to him recently, he immediately wrote to the State Water Resources board correcting the interpretation.

Thornton pointed out that Nichols was ruling on a different matter in his Oct. 26 letter and that he merely appended his views on a state license.

Thornton said that the part of Nichols' decision on the state application being merely a court interpretation of federal power act.

"It should not be allowed to stand as an official expression of this office," Thornton said.

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# County Departments Ask Budget Increases

Almost all county departments are requesting 1956-57 budget increases and most of them are asking 10 per cent salary raises for their personnel.

Some of the salary increase requests are for less than 10 per cent and some others are for considerably more than that amount.

### Discuss Budget

The budget committee Tuesday heard several department heads explain their budgets, and discussed each in detail. No decisions have as yet been made. First being considered are the overall budget requests. Such individual items as salaries will be considered near the end of the committee's study.

There will be further discussion of the budget Friday when the group will again meet in the county court room at 9 a.m. Anyone interested may meet with the budget committee, but must call the county court for an appointment.

Requests from the various departments for the coming year are as follows:

### Department Requests

District court, \$11,024, increase of 7.3 per cent; justice court (Ashland district), \$7,446, increase of 13.3 per cent; justice court (Gold Hill), \$2,515, no change; county court and commissioners, \$21,066.40, decrease of 6.6 per cent; circuit court, \$17,250, no change; sheriff's office, \$99,339.34, increase of 19.9 per cent; county clerk, \$71,598.74, increase of 20.9 per cent; treasurer, \$9,689.54, increase of 3.5 per cent; school superintendent, \$19,740, increase of 7.4 per cent; assessor, \$83,245.26, increase of 21.0 per cent; courthouse expense, \$30,789.93, decrease of .3 per cent; county jail, \$23,375.96, increase of 21 per cent; Jackson county farm home, \$71,015, increase of 2.1 per cent; care of poor (not at county farm), \$221,120, increase of 10.9 per cent; miscellaneous relief, \$1,500, no change; county compensation, \$360, no change; Jackson

County Red Cross, \$1,500, no change; indigent veterans, \$1,900, no change; coroner, \$1,200, no change; juvenile department (circuit court), \$18,865, increase of 10.5 per cent; Jackson county health department, \$97,680, increase of 10.8 per cent; mosquito control, \$6,000, no change; County surveyor, \$9,895, increase of 50 per cent; Water master, district 15, \$16,784, increase of 7.4 per cent; district attorney, \$17,881.80, increase of 2.7 per cent; fruit inspector, \$1,380, increase of 12.2 per cent; county agent's office, \$19,662, no change;

### General County

Miscellaneous general county, \$103,740, decrease of 15.9 per cent; veteran's service officer, \$8,740, increase of 16.9 per cent; board of equalization, \$2,000, increase of 700 per cent; constable, \$8,335, increase of 6.4 per cent; Jackson county planning commission, \$7,500, no change; general road fund, \$1,501,976, no change; Jackson county library, \$18,600, no change; emergency fund, \$40,000, no change; Civil Defense fund, \$8,770, increase of 52.3 per cent; courthouse construction, improvement and maintenance fund, \$150,000, decrease of 61.6 per cent; armory fund, \$60,000, no change; Jackson county historical fund, \$15,905, increase of 8.7 per cent; and juvenile detention home fund, \$12,500, decrease of \$32,500.

Serving on the budget committee are M. Thomas Wray, chairman, Roger F. Rath, Arnold Bohner, County Judge Rodney Keating, and Commissioners Chester Wendt and L. G. (Shy) Morthland.

# Families Should Be Responsible In Spring Floods

Portland—(U.P.)—Families should be responsible for basic protection of their lives and properties during any spring floods this year, it was emphasized yesterday at a conference on flood planning.

The conference was attended by some 200 representatives of federal, state, county and municipal agencies.

Weather bureau and Soil Conservation Service officials have said the heavy snowpack in the mountains has led to a situation which could bring on severe flooding.

### Burden Passes Upward

Spokesmen for planning and protection agencies said that as each level of responsibility exhausts its resources the burden for flood fighting will pass upward. The levels are from the individual and family on up to Federal agencies.

Col. David Parker, assistant district Army engineer, said existing upstream storage projects which were not available in 1948 for flood control, could reduce this year's crest an estimated one to two feet.

But he said that except for new projects in the Sandy diking district and at Longview, Wash., there have been no major improvements in local flood protection facilities since 1948.

Col. Parker said a river stage of 28 feet would top two levees, Columbia No. 1 and Bachelor island. At 30 feet, he said, "every levee on the Columbia river will be in critical condition."

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# Jacksonville To Have Easter Egg Hunt

Jacksonville—An Easter egg hunt for children of Jacksonville, 12 and under, will be conducted by Chief of Police Frank Carter Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m., at the Jacksonville Museum grounds.

The children will be divided into two age groups and two prizes will be given.

The chief has collected about 25 dozen eggs for the purpose but additional eggs could be used. Anyone who cares to donate eggs for the purpose should contact Carter.

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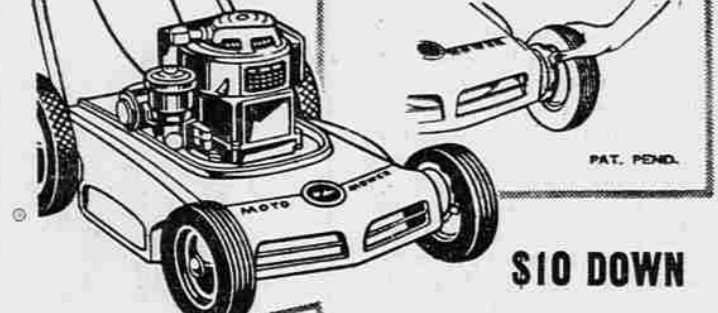
Roseburg—(U.P.)—Miles Heagy, 25-year-old Roseburg logger, remained in critical condition today from injuries suffered Monday evening when logs slipped off a truck and struck him.

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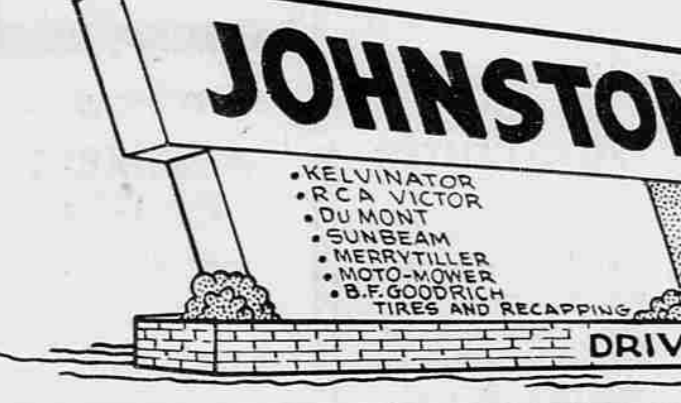


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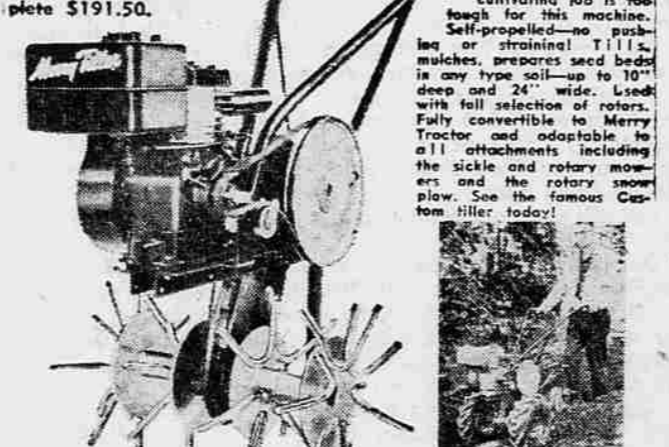
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