

## Plans To Utilize Small Watershed Law Here Discussed

A description of preliminary planning now under way to take advantage of the federal small watershed law for the Bear Creek drainage was given here Friday noon at a meeting of the water resources committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Clerk Ault, soil conservation service technician with the Rogue Soil Conservation district, said the measure provides federal assistance to local groups in providing flood control on smaller watersheds. The emphasis, Ault said, is not strictly on dams, although small dams can be constructed, but on overall land management, including timber and range management and good farming practices.

**Measures Help**  
Taken together, these measures can help to take the peaks off of floods, Ault explained, and can go a long way toward eliminating the destructive force of floods, particularly if the impoundments are up high where the floods begin.

Under the law, Ault stated, the local groups bear part of the cost of flood control works, and all the cost of associated benefits, such as irrigation, recreation and power.

The program is limited to areas of 250,000 acres or less, and the size of dams to 5,000 acre feet capacity. Plans for dams larger than 2,500 acre feet must have federal approval, and all planning must show a favorable cost-benefit ratio.

**Benefit Mid-West**  
Ault said the law is designed chiefly to benefit areas of the mid-west, where high-value lands provide a favorable ratio. He discussed proposed amendments which would make it easier to justify such activity in the west.

Proposals to work out a plan for the Bear Creek drainage have met with considerable favor, Ault reported, and much interest has been aroused. There is a good chance for a favorable benefit-cost ratio here, he said.

Planning is still in preliminary stages, but the board of directors of the Rogue district are taking leadership in the project, and the Isaac Walton league here is assisting. The procedure is to make application first, and if it is approved, then the federal government will conduct a survey to determine feasibility.

**First for Group**  
Friday's meeting was the first gathering of the newly-formed water resources committee, of which Elwood Hedberg is chairman. Subcommittee chairmen include Norton Smith, soil conservation; Shelby M. Tuttle, Rogue river; Jack Hoffbuhr, irrigation; and A. D. Harvey, industrial water use.

Bob Root, Medford orchardist and a member of the Oregon water resources board, briefly discussed the work of that agency, and showed a map of the Rogue river basin showing. Further meetings of the committee, which was set up to learn all it can about water use and problems in the area, will be on call of the chairman.

**Aerial Tanker Being Tested by Air Force**

Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.—(U.P.)—The Air Force disclosed that an aerial tanker which can refuel three jet fighters or light bombers simultaneously is being tested here.

The Boeing KB50 will undergo evaluation tests at the operational test center here for three months, the Air Force said Friday.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.



**REFUSING comment, Greet Hofmans, described as the "faith healer" responsible for rift in Holland's royal family, still is seen at the palace.** (International)

## Uranium Prospector Guards Main Street Claim in KF

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Uranium prospector Earl Sheridan continued to guard his claim on Main street here Saturday with a shotgun, while a legal battle began to protect his rights.

Sheridan, who has maintained a constant vigil at 9th and Main streets since Friday morning, held a long conference in the tent with his attorney, State Senator Harry Boivin, yesterday morning.

During the course of the conversation, held over the sour-

## Racial Issue Among Items at NEA Meet

Portland — (U.P.) — Racial segregation in schools and the fate of teachers who oppose segregation loomed large here Saturday as one of the chief issues to go before the nation's school teachers gathering for the annual convention of the National Education Association.

A group composed of executive secretaries of Negro teachers associations in southern states called a public meeting last night on the eve of the convention to outline their campaign for a definite NEA stand on the school desegregation issue.

A spokesman for the group, called the National Association of Secretaries of State Teachers Associations, said its aim would be a resolution excluding from national affiliation any teacher organization espousing separate but equal educational facilities. He said they would also seek convention approval of resolutions regarding dismissal of Negro teachers and alleged dismissal of white teachers who publicly supported desegregation in the South.

The NEA convention opens here today with some 5,000 delegates and an equal number of guests expected from every state, Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii. Sessions will last through July 6.

## Textron Plans New Coquille Building

Coquille, Ore. — (U.P.) — George A. Ulett, manager of the Coquille Plywood Division of Textron American, Inc., has announced that the firm plans to construct a second plywood plant at Coquille.

Ulett said that work on the new plant, to be located adjacent to the firm's present plywood plant, will be started immediately with hopes of having it finished in five or six months.

The site of the new plant will be a tract of about 14 acres purchased from the Stonecypher estate. The new plant will add about 3 million square feet of plywood a month to the present plant's production of 10 million square feet. It will house a complete plywood operation, providing jobs for about 200 men.

Green veneer from the former Myrtle Point Veneer company plant at Norway will be utilized in the new plant. The Norway plant was recently purchased by Textron American, Inc. Ulett said modernization of the Norway plant should be completed in about 60 days.

will be a picnic in the park. All ladies of the Grange are welcome.

The next Grange meeting is July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean and Mrs. Rose Arnt served refreshments. The serving committee for the next Grange meeting is Mr. and Mrs. Brit Ash and Mr. and Mrs. L. Casey.

## Reds Make Public Text of Lenin's Political Will

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union Saturday made public to its people the full text of V.I. Lenin's long-secret political will recommending that Josef Stalin be fired from the post of Communist Party secretary general.

It was the first time since Lenin's death in 1924 that the full text of his political testament had been published in Russia. A Soviet Communist youth organ had published extracts of the testament earlier. The text appeared Saturday in Communist, top party publication.

Reference to the will was made in the publication, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, several weeks ago but the text was not published.

In the will Lenin accused Stalin of ruthlessness and thirst for power. He asked that another Communist be appointed to what was already becoming the key job in the Communist Party.

Lenin, the founder of the Soviet Communist state, demanded the appointment of "someone more patient and more loyal, more polite."

The detailed publication informed the Soviet people for the first time of the full facts of Lenin's assessment of Stalin—and that on his death bed Lenin disowned the late dictator.

The full will's disclosure to the Soviet people now emphasized the determination of the present Moscow regime to hold nothing back in its effort to discredit the one-man rule "personality cult" of Stalinism.

The Lenin testament had been common knowledge in western countries. It was published in the 1920's by followers of Trotsky and others.

But Stalin used his power to prevent the publication of the letters in Russia during his lifetime.

## Nine Attempts Foiled

Columbia, S.C. — (U.P.) — Marriage licenses will cost \$3 instead of \$1 beginning Sunday, to discourage wavering applicants who might otherwise fail to pick them up after the 24-hour waiting periods. Probate Judge A. Ray Ninnant said one man "applied for nine licenses with nine different women and never picked up a license to marry any of them."

**Would-Be Bigamist Foiled**  
Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Mabel Rumpel noted a familiar name in a newspaper list of persons applying for marriage licenses and promptly called the district attorney. The name was that of her husband, who had been issued a license to marry a Minnesota widow.

## Gas Truck Sets Fire To 10 Ohio Homes

Cincinnati, O. — (U.P.) — A truck laden with 7,500 gallons of gasoline overturned and exploded on a residential street here Saturday setting fire to 10 houses.

One woman, her home threatened by the house-top-high flames, died of a heart attack. Police said that the accident occurred when the rear trailer of a double-trailer Sunco truck overturned and burst into flames.

Firemen said that Mrs. May Barnett, 42, collapsed and died, apparently of a heart attack and shock, after she was taken from her home.

Police said apparently no one was injured in the accident. Firemen, however, dug into the

## Gold, Silver Discovered In New Mining Claim

Gold and silver were listed as the minerals in a mining claim filed with the county clerk Friday by Thomas R. and Mildred M. Murphy, route 2, Jacksonville.

The claim, named "Good Hope Lode," is located in the Steam Boat unorganized mining district.

wreckage to make sure that nobody had been killed in the fire. Ten buildings on both sides of the street were either set afire or blackened.

Five automobiles were destroyed. Four of them were parked along the curb and the fifth was parked in a driveway.

The truck driver, Larry Whitaker, 26, Cincinnati, jumped out of the cab and ran for his life as the flaming spray spread.

**FALSE ALARM**  
Jersey City, N. J. — (U.P.) — Firemen answering an alarm at a downtown intersection yesterday found only a group of passersby, who explained they saw an unidentified man walk up to the fire alarm box, open the door, pull down the handle and try to deposit a letter.

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