

Witnesses Say Lewis Creek Dam Would Stop Rogue Salmon Runs

Grants Pass—Henry DeVoss, talent, president of the Jackson county Izaak Walton League chapter, suggested at yesterday's hearing on Rogue river flood control that annually flooded lands be condemned and reserved for recreation.

DeVoss was one of 34 witnesses at the session held by the Army Corps of Engineers in the Josephine county library auditorium.

He said, "The federal, state, county and city governments could well afford to condemn and purchase flood lands and thus prevent damages to private property from flooding."

Lewis Creek Dam
DeVoss added that a dam as far down as Lewis creek would virtually do away with spring chinook salmon and summer steelhead runs in the Rogue since most of the spawning takes place above this point. "We are not opposed to irrigation," he said, "but we feel projects similar to the Talent Irrigation project can take care of all our irrigation needs. He urged proper land use and development of small tributary watersheds as flood control measures.

DeVoss' plan for condemnation of stream bank land appeared to meet with some favor, but others protested it, including Walter C. Kasworm, representing the Jackson County Farm Bureau.

"Condemning river lands and making public parks wouldn't increase fish runs or stop property damage," Kasworm said. "But it would start a mass evacuation. People would move clear out of the Rogue valley."

Challenges Value
Kasworm also challenged the value of sport fishing as a tourist attraction here. "This is about half-way between Seattle and San Francisco. Tourists make overnight stops here because of the location and would continue to stop here whether there are fish in the river or not," he said.

He further claimed, "It takes 21-man days to catch a fish in the upper river." Kasworm testified at the Medford hearing that, figuring time at a dollar an hour, it costs \$100 to catch one fish and anyone who spends a lot of time fishing is "either shiftless or plain lazy."

Mentioned frequently during the hearing yesterday were benefits brought to fishing in the Sacramento river by the Shasta Dam and Reservoir. Claims were made that water levels were improved and temperatures lowered since construction of the dam and reservoir.

Disagrees With Testimony
Kenneth Denman, Medford attorney, member of the Oregon Game commission, Izaak Walton League and the Preserve the Rogue association, disagreed with much of this testimony. "Any comparison between the Rogue river problem and the things which have been done on the Sacramento river is purely moot now," he said. "Before the Shasta dam was built, conditions there were in a sorry shape due to low water flows and high temperatures. The same comparable conditions do not exist in the Rogue river. In other words, before the dam was built, the fishery was of very little value."

Denman added, "It should be pointed out that the Talent Irrigation project was finally realized because all of us joined together and requested it. When it was approved by the recreational interests, an unwritten gentleman's agreement was made with the proponents of the project that no high dam would be built in the main stem of the Rogue used by migratory fish. Many people are aware of such agreement."

Written Agreement
D. H. Barber, president of the Preserve the Rogue association, testified, "It wasn't a gentleman's agreement. It was a written agreement." He also charged the bureau of reclamation with being "in a rut" and said that was the reason the corps of engineers were called upon to make the current flood control study. Barber was among several who attacked the bureau of reclamation's Plan A, which called for a series of dams on the main stem of the Rogue and its tributaries with a major dam at Lewis creek.

"Plan A, for about \$33,271,000 was going to give about 96,250 kilowatts. At the same time Copeo started its North Umpqua project. For about \$26,300,000 they are getting 145,000 kilowatts. If it's cheaper to produce power on the north Umpqua, put a power project there," he said.

Not Against Control
Barber stressed that his association is not against flood control, but believes a program to protect and benefit everyone can be developed.

John B. Harr, Grants Pass, superintendent of Rogue River schools, was among those strongly advocating a program to prevent floods similar to the one last winter.

He pointed out that education, which taxpayers finance, is seriously disrupted by flood. He said children are preoccupied and transportation of students hazardous, impossible or slow. "There's another thing of major concern to any large congregation such as a school and that is the threat of epidemic. This results from polluted wells, damaged sewers and other facilities undermined during floods."

Harr said, "We have the funds, skills and equipment to see that this type of flood never happens again." He urged the Corps of Engineers to place human safety above recreation or any other interest in planning a flood control program.

Mrs. Agnes Berry, Trail, who with her husband operates a motel and trailer court seven miles north of Trail, said she worked until May to clean silt and debris

from cabins after the December flood. She also claimed that 12 1/2 of their 13 acres of land were flooded, and urged study of a program to control the water.

Landowner Testifies
Another landowner testifying was Mrs. Norvil Moore, Grants Pass, said she and her husband had spent \$4,500 clearing out the channel and building a dike. Most of their work was destroyed in just a few hours, she said. She added that total damage to their stream front property was about \$10,000.

Thomas B. Ayers, mayor-elect of Thomas Beach, was also present. He testified, "We are interested in flood control if we can have it without damaging the fish."

Harold W. Sexton, secretary of the Rogue Valley Water Users association, said there are 114,000 acres in the basin in need of irrigation. "Of this total, 74,000 acres need full irrigation and 40,000 require supplementary water supplies," he said. "Increased population in the valley is going to create an increased need for water supplies and increased crop production."

Lee McAllister appeared on behalf of the bureau of reclamation and testified that floods occur one year in every five. He listed the average annual flood damage as \$400,000 and explained bureau of reclamation programs which have been proposed for flood control.

Nationally Famous
Dr. H. J. Rayner, representing the state game commission, said the Rogue river is nationally famous for its fish population.

He said, "Sports fishermen have taken as many as 13,845 chinook and 9,426 steelhead in a year, representing 34,700 days of fishing effort. The commercial fishermen can take 166,000 Rogue salmon in the ocean in a year, valued at nearly \$900,000." He added that in 1949 a total of \$3,500,000 was spent in pursuit of sport fishery. "We realize the value of flood control and maintenance of flows in the summer and fall," he said. "We believe that thorough study can devise means of accomplishing these ends without damage to the fish and wildlife resource, but that high mainstem dams will not do so."

Daniel J. Frey, Grants Pass, explained there were "thousands of fish" on his property last winter after the water went down. "About 3,000 fish were salvaged," he said. "But about 30,000 are left. There were fish in the Rogue, but they'll soon all be on the ground unless we get flood control."

Briefs were also presented on behalf of the cities of Medford and Grants Pass, Josephine and Jackson counties and numerous other governmental bodies and private organizations.

Portland Teen-Agers Killed in Car Wreck
Portland—U.P.—A car went out of control and plunged into a power pole in southeast Portland last night carrying its two occupants, a 14-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl, to their deaths.

The victims were Vernon Churchill and Leona Mae Rohde, both of Portland.

Deputy sheriffs Earl Johnson and Al Benz said the car apparently failed to make a turn at the bottom of a grade, struck a power pole and overturned. Churchill was thrown from the car and the girl was pinned beneath it.

Deputies said the car had been reported missing by its

Former Marine Corporal Given Hard Labor Term

Parris Island, S.C. — U.P. — A general court martial today sentenced former Marine drill instructor Frederick A. Renton to a year at hard labor and a bad conduct discharge for using a naked bayonet to force recruits to perform physical feats.

The court announced the sentence after deliberating a verdict of guilty handed down Thursday on four of 16 counts against 19-year-old Renton of New York City.

The verdict and punishment are subject to review by higher military authority.

Reduced in Rank
The 10-member court, which deliberated the sentence nearly an hour, also ordered Renton reduced from private first class to private, and to forfeit all pay and allowances during the period of confinement.

The dark-haired young Marine stood stiffly at attention with his attorney as the sentence was read. After the sentence, he was hustled into a nearby room with his mother, who attended the trial. He refused to talk to a reporter. Mrs. Renton, throughout the trial, which began Wednesday, refused to be questioned by newsmen.

Sentence To Be Reviewed
Renton was scheduled to be returned to the brig to await review of his sentence by the convening authority. Such review is automatic in general court martial cases.

Renton was the fourth noncom at this huge Marine "boot camp" to be found guilty of maltreatment since the celebrated McKeon case last summer.

Renton pleaded guilty to forcing two recruits to balance on their toes and elbows over a bayonet held under their stomachs. He was also found guilty of knocking a recruit to his knees and of violating a base rule which forbids instructors from touching recruits except to correct their clothing or postures.

Barley Named Vet Of Week by VA

Joseph Bartley, an assistant cook at the Camp White veterans administration domiciliary center, has been named "Veteran of the Week" by the VA, it was learned today.

He will be saluted as such in a radio program to be heard locally on KYJC at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

Bartley, a legless double amputee, was picked for the honor by the VA office in Washington, and is saluted in a radio script which is mailed to every radio station in the country.

He was recently featured in a series of Mail Tribune stories concerning handicapped persons

who are now employed despite their handicaps, prepared for Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, Camp White officials believe it is on the basis of these stories that Bartley was picked for the honor.

No Body Found in Submerged Auto
The Dalles—U.P.—The wreckage of a car registered to a Hood River woman was recovered from the Columbia river near Hood River yesterday and taken to The Dalles. No body was found inside.

Authorities had been trying to recover the car for several days but without success until a Portland skin diver, Tom Amerman, reached it yesterday.

Police said the car was registered to Mrs. Naomi Ellis of Hood River, who reported it missing Oct. 30.

Feeder Livestock Sale Brings \$15.70 Average
Pendleton—U.P.—The first annual feeder livestock sale sponsored by Umatilla and Morrow county Cattlemen's Associations was held eight miles west of Pendleton yesterday with more than 300 cattlemen and buyers from the two counties in attendance.

The reported average price was \$15.70 a hundredweight. The top steer calf went at \$18.60 a hundred.

The sale is designed to create a market for Eastern Oregon cattle raisers.

owner about 45 minutes before the accident.

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Oregon Committee Assists Hungarians

Portland—U.P.—The Oregon committee for Hungarian refugees said today it has sponsored some 20 persons who fled from Budapest after the recent uprising in Hungary.

The volunteer group is collecting money to aid Hungarians seeking work, housing and temporary financing. It has set its goal as 100 persons to be helped.

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