

Morse Planning To Re-Introduce Bill for Dam at Hells Canyon

Portland—U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse, speaking at the annual meeting of the National Hells Canyon Association here last week, said he will re-introduce the bill to authorize a federal multiple-purpose dam at Hells Canyon in the opening days of congress.

He lauded the work done by NHCA attorney Evelyn Cooper and her associates on the Mountain Sheep-Pleasant Valley case.

He stated that the testimony given at the hearing by NHCA witnesses Gus Norwood and Sam Moment, and by Stewart Alexander of Tacoma, had provided him with the basis for a 14-point program for comprehensive development of the Columbia Basin.

Program Cited
In his 14-point program, Senator Morse called for immediate authorization of Hells Canyon and Paradise dams, speedy construction of Federal Day dam, reservation of the Nez Perce site for five years until the fish passage problems are solved, and construction of Ice Harbor dam.

Morse was highly critical of the present review work being done by the Army Engineers, and pointed out that it didn't constitute a review at all, but a political compromise. Morse said "It is up to the Congress to make political decisions, not the Army Engineers."

The Senator also expressed his support for legislation to authorize Congressional studies of the feasibility of a Columbia River Development corporation. The Association members gave unanimous approval to resolutions calling for:

1. Immediate construction of a Federal high dam at Hells Canyon;
2. Reservation of the Middle Snake river and ultimate construction of Nez Perce dam;
3. An amendment to the Senate Public Works committee resolution which authorizes the present review work of the corps of engineers, which would require the corps to maintain standards of comprehensive planning instead of yielding to private power company pressures for partial private development of multi-purpose sites;
4. Opposition to a higher Pleasant Valley dam, which it is rumored may be endorsed by the department of interior in the near future. It was pointed out that a higher dam at Pleasant Valley would prevent construction of both Hells Canyon and Nez Perce dams, and that it

would result in a loss of 75 per cent of the flood storage potential of the Hells Canyon and Nez Perce sites, as well as a loss to the region of well over 1,000,000 kw of firm power—more than the total power output of Grand Coulee dam.

Other Action
Other action taken at the meeting was approval of a \$50,000 fund drive to finance a Supreme Court appeal of the Hells Canyon case, and to complete work on the Mountain Sheep-Pleasant Valley case before the Federal Power commission.

All but one member of the Association's Executive committee were re-elected, including James T. Marr, president; V. M. Cleaveland, vice president; Elmer McClure, secretary-treasurer; and Owen Hurd, member.

Harley Libby, president of the Oregon Farmers union, replaces Al Ullman, who recently was elected to congress from Oregon.

The Women's Missionary Council of the Assembly of God church met last Wednesday and packed fifty bags of Christmas treats for Indian children in Winslow, Ariz. They also packed four large boxes of used clothing and two boxes of food, plus a box of personal gifts for the church's two missionaries there, Miss June Pearson and Miss Bonny White. All the boxes went the same day.

Special revival services started at the church Dec. 2 with the Rev. Arthur C. Phillips of Salem, Ore., conducting services. Meetings will continue nightly beginning at 7:30 p.m., with both Sunday morning and evening services. They will be held for the next two weeks.

Miss Joyce Hawkins, a freshman, and publicity director for the Junior Red Cross chapter in Jacksonville High school, reports that at the second chapter meeting held recently at the courthouse in Medford, center pieces for the tables at Camp White for their Thanksgiving dinner were made.

After discussion, it was decided that on December 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Junior Red Cross members would help to decorate the Christmas trees at Camp White. JRC members from Jacksonville who attended the Council meeting were Linda Hardy, Jean Smith, Clara Mae Anderson, Joyce Hawkins, Dennis Caird, Louella Snyder, Thelma Wall, Marsha Minshall, Eldon Smith, and Darlene Lewis.

Some belated Thanksgiving news includes a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jordan of Central Point, Mrs. Wayne Sills and two children of Dixon, Calif., Lowell Jordan, USAAF base, Red Bluff, Calif., Mrs. Mary Jordan of Bagley, Minn., and Clinton Jordan of Jacksonville. An afternoon visitor was Mrs. Mable Groves of Jacksonville.

Last Tuesday night visitors at the Henry Jordan home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan of Medford, Alan Blair and Clifford Witzel of Maida, North Dakota and Mrs. Mary Jordan and Lowell Jordan of Jacksonville. Mrs. Mary Jordan left on Wednesday to return to Bagley, Minn.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chester on Thanksgiving day.

JACKSONVILLE Party Honors Minister

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS

Jacksonville—A surprise birthday party was held last Friday evening Nov. 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rasmussen, honoring the Rev. W. D. Turnbull, pastor of the Jacksonville Assembly of God church.

The party was arranged by the Sunday school classes and church members. Refreshments included a four layer birthday cake made and decorated by Mrs. Ernest Rasmussen.

There were 20 adult guests and 11 children present and two out of town guests, the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Book of Happy Camp, Calif. Mr. Turnbull expressed his thanks for the many gifts and cards presented to him. Many members who expected to attend were kept home by last week's heavy fog.

The Jacksonville Royal Neighbors will hold their annual Christmas bazaar Saturday, Dec. 8, starting at 11 a.m. at the Community hall. An assortment of everything from white elephants to cooked food and homemade Christmas gifts will be on sale. Coffee and cookies will be served to shoppers throughout the day.

The Royal Neighbors held their regular lodge meeting Tuesday evening. Election of officers was held and plans discussed for their annual Christmas dinner to be held on Dec. 18.

Delbert Fryer of Port Orford was a Jacksonville visitor this week at the home of Mrs. Pearl Whitney, where his mother, Mrs. Nina Fryer resides.

Recent overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Family members present were two of their sons home from service, Stanley Chester, until recently, stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Base and Elroy Chester, just out of the hospital at Corona, Calif., near San Diego, where he underwent surgery. When they return to duty the brothers will both be stationed at San Diego Naval base. Also present at the family gathering were the Rev. and Mrs. Hazen Chester and two children of Gridley, Calif., where Chester is a pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rasmussen and three children of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bleau and four children of Jacksonville, also visited the Chesters.

New residents moving into Jacksonville, at 609 E. 2nd St., are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, of Medford, and their nine-year-old son. Phillips is a meat cutter at the McAndrews Road market and Mrs. Phillips is an employee of Piggly Wiggly, where she is a meat wrapper.

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New Egg Marketing Plan Being Forwarded

Members of Oregon Egg Producers are receiving copies of a new egg marketing agreement which goes into effect Jan. 1.

Under the new program, members wishing to use marketing facilities of Oregon Egg Producers, agree to ship their entire production of market eggs to the association. Hatching eggs and certain other classes of eggs

Welch were Welch's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stouter of Alsea, Ore. While at the Welch home the couple showed a movie of an Alaskan trip they took last summer. They visited other relatives and friends in the valley and spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. McClanahan of 2304 Spring st., Medford, and visited the Joe McIntyres in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Pearl Kitchen returned this week from Grants Pass, where she spent the last two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Tryon. A last week end guest at her home in Jacksonville was her son, Max Kitchen, of Myrtle Creek.

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Erosion Control, Water Diversion Structure Built

A combination erosion control and diversion water diversion structure was completed recently on Griffiths creek on the Bert Elliott property, according to Clem Ault, conservationist of the Rogue Soil Conservation district.

Purpose of the structure is to eliminate an erosion problem on the Elliott property boundary where he has been diverting irrigation water. Ault said: Floods in recent years damaged or washed out diversion structures there on several occasions.

Ault added that floods caused severe bank erosion and threatened irrigation structures as well as the McBirdseye residence near the creek channel. Completed structure will provide a controlled five foot drop for the water. It will release water from a large reinforced concrete stilling basin on a grade uniform with the bottom of the creek channel, Ault said.

Work on the drop structure was done by Purdy and Petrebn, Central Point contractors. Elliott is a cooperator with the Rogue Soil Conservation district. He worked jointly with the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committees in financing the project. The structure was designed by Cliff Jensen, resident engineer of the Rogue Soil Conservation district.

Is That So?

Of the most astonishing survival instincts of the wild is that of "freezing," becoming motionless in the face of danger, particularly by young animals. Yet, gazed as one may be when entering this habit, it is widespread in nature and few of the animals which do not employ it.

A surprised hawk, owl, eagle, deer, wolf, or bear almost invariably freezes in his tracks at the first signs of an enemy.

For that matter, the human seems to have a remnant of that same instinct lurking in his own makeup; witness one's own momentary paralysis upon being confronted with a sudden danger. In nightmares, too, when the subconscious conjures up death, the body seems totally incapable of motion. Perhaps the human is held back by the same ancient wisdom which keeps a helpless bird or animal quiet in the face of an enemy.

Most widely known, of course, is the opossum's trick of pretending death. It may be "shock," but aside from the well-publicized opossum, there are countless others.

Among the insects, death-shunning is almost universal. Disturb a praying mantis and he will pretend to be as dead as the two-headed emerald. Catch a lady bug when she is eating aphids on your rosebush and she will turn up her toes in your hand.

Shunning takes on its most appealing form, I think, when you suddenly come upon a covey of quail. See how the mother holds your attention by pretending to be hurt and floundering at your feet while her chicks promptly freeze.

Young Flatten Down
Even among such predatory birds as hawks and owls, the young will flatten down in the nest at any unnatural commotion.

This "freezing" is not confined to the young alone. In the Spirit of the Wild (Doubleday, N.Y.), William J. Long tells of a guide who brought home a trapped fox. Upon putting his burden down at the doorway, the "dead" fox suddenly became a streak across the white snow. Stupor? Purposeful shamming?

Why freeze? Any young which holds motionless close to the ground cannot be seen—or, at least, is seldom seen by wild eyes.

Next, while at rest—without motion—the wild animal quite likely gives off very little scent so even the keenest-nosed animal may pass without receiving a tell-tale message.

Finally, most wild animals identify an object only when it is in motion. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

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Granges Urged To Participate in Decisions Program

Local Granges this week will receive letters encouraging their members to take part in the coming "Great Decisions—1937" program.

The program, which begins Jan. 20, is a voluntary study of vital foreign policy issues concerning the United States and will cover eight world areas in eight weeks of study.

Mrs. John Ousterhout, Eagle Point, is chairman of the temporary county Great Decisions committees. The group was formed last month to encourage formation of small, informal discussion groups which will use eight fact sheets being prepared through the Foreign Policy association for use by similar groups throughout the nation.

Other County Groups
Many other county groups are being urged to participate. Mrs. Ousterhout said. Radio and television programs and newspaper articles will assist in the local study.

Topics for discussion announced this week by the Foreign Policy association concern Russia, Europe, Middle East, Red China, Colonialism, "neutrals," U.S. military strategy, and trade and aid.

Fact sheets will be on display and available to the public at the Medford Public library early next month.

The study groups are to be formed "spontaneously" by anyone interested in studying world affairs, Mrs. Ousterhout said.

The Great Decisions program is in its third year in Oregon, with Portland, Corvallis, Eugene and Springfield among communities throughout the state taking part.

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