

# Water Users Vote Tuesday in Two Area Irrigation Districts

## Three Precincts Open in Medford Between 8 and 5

Three precincts have been established for water users in the Medford Irrigation district in a special election Tuesday, Jan. 14, on a contract with the bureau of reclamation.

Under the proposed contract, the MID will receive 8,000 acre feet of storage space in the new and enlarged reservoirs in the Talent project, and will obtain two-thirds of the increase in return flow to Bear creek.

The contract would provide repayment of \$603,000, the cost for the additional water, and the amount, not to exceed \$361,000, which would be used in rehabilitation.

Three Locations  
Polls will be open between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday at three locations. Voters in precinct one will vote at Hillcrest Orchard house. The precinct includes the portion of the district lying north of Barnett rd.

Water users in precinct two, which includes the portion of the district south of Barnett rd. and east of Kings highway, will vote at the district office, 1310 Barnett rd. Users in precinct three, which is that portion of the district north and west of Kings highway, will vote in the arts and crafts room of the Oak Grove school.

District directors pointed out that each voter must cast his ballot in the precinct his land is assessed. Any persons more than 21 years old with two or more assessed acres is eligible to vote.

Following are questions and answers concerning the Medford Irrigation district election prepared by district officials:  
**Purpose of Contract**  
1. What is the purpose of the proposed new contract between the Medford Irrigation district and the United States? The United States, through the bureau of reclamation, is now constructing water storage facilities which includes new dams and reservoirs at Howard Prairie and Keene creek, and enlargement of the Emigrant dam and reservoir. These, together with Hyatt dam and reservoir and related canals and delivery works, will make additional stored water available for power production at the new Green Springs plant and for irrigation.

These facilities are being built as part of the Talent project. Most of the new irrigation storage space has been sold to the Talent Irrigation district. However, 12,000 acre feet of storage space and at least 5,000 acre feet of increased return flow will be made available to the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts under proposed new contracts.

**Additional Water**  
2. How much additional water will Talent division works make available to the Medford Irrigation district? Under the proposed contract, the Medford Irrigation district will obtain 8,000 acre feet of storage space in the new and enlarged storage reservoirs and will obtain two-thirds of the increase in return flow to Bear creek resulting from expanded irrigation and water-use in the Talent and Medford Irrigation districts.

Even in poorer water years, the Medford Irrigation district will obtain at least 6,000 acre feet of additional water under the proposed contract. In good years, the new water will be more.  
**Reservoirs Filled**  
When the reservoirs fill, the Medford Irrigation district will have 8,000 acre feet of storage water in the reservoir system plus at least 3,330

acre feet of return-flow, or 11,330 acre feet of water from the Talent division.

3. How much will the new water cost the Medford Irrigation district? Additional water (storage and return flow) will cost the district a total of \$603,000. In addition, the new contract provides that there will be available \$311,000, at the option of the board of directors, to be used for the extension and rehabilitation and betterment of the district, and for construction of a new diversion dam for the district in Bear creek, estimated to cost \$50,000. Thus, under the new contract, the Medford Irrigation district would be obligated to repay \$603,000 plus whatever amount, not to exceed \$361,000 would be used at the option of the district for rehabilitation.

**60 Years to Pay**  
4. How long will the district have to repay the United States? Sixty years from the time water first becomes available from the new Talent division works.

5. Isn't the district already obligated to the United States for some rehabilitation and betterment works? Yes, an existing contract between the United States and the Medford Irrigation district requires the district to repay \$1,475,466 in 40 years, beginning the year following the completion of the joint system construction.

**New Contract Add**  
6. How much will the new contract add to the repayment obligation of the district and the water users each year? Very little during the first 40 years of repayment. In fact, water users will pay only 5 cents an acre a year for the first 10 years, and about 25 cents per acre each year for the next 30 years.

7. How can the Medford Irrigation district take on a new repayment obligation of \$964,000 without increasing its payments more than 25 cents an acre for the first 40 years? Because the new contract extends the payout period from the present 40-year period to 60 years, the new obligation can be paid off almost wholly in the last 20 years of the 60-year period.

**New Obligation**  
If the contract be approved, the new obligation would be paid off at \$450 per year for the first 10 years; \$2,284.50 annually for the next 30 years; and \$44,548.25 for the last 20 years. During the last 20 years, there would be no other obligations. Present obligations will be paid off in 40 years.

8. How much interest will the district have to pay? None. The interest free feature of this loan is the attractive inducement, inasmuch as this is the only means of irrigation financing without the penalty of interest.

9. Will a favorable vote on the election mean the district costs will be increased? More Acres of Land  
Not necessarily, by reason that with the additional supply of water, it is contemplated that more acres of land may be served. The revenue from these lands, in addition to the savings in operation and maintenance expenses as a result of the rehabilitation, could reduce the assessments.

10. How will the Talent project water benefit the lands east of Bear creek? The Talent project water will be introduced into the main canal at Phoenix, leaving more of the present supply available to the tracts on

the east side.  
11. How much total storage space will there be in the Talent division? Total Acre Feet  
The old space is 24,000 acre feet and new space will be 91,000 acre feet for a 115,000 acre feet total.

12. Who will operate the new storage facilities? United States will operate the new storage facilities initially. However, the contract provides that operations and maintenance may be transferred to the Talent Irrigation district. All districts contracting for space in the new system will have a voice in the operation of the joint system, and any district may appeal to the secretary of the interior in case of dissatisfaction.

13. Why is an election necessary? Cannot Increase Debt  
Directors of the irrigation district cannot increase the obligation of the district without consent of at least a majority of the electors who vote in a properly called election.

14. What happens if the election fails? If the election should fail, the district will not share in either the water or the costs of the Talent project. Annual costs to water users for the next 40 years will be about the same either way, since most of the cost of Talent division water will be repaid by extending the total repayment period to 60 years.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ANDRE CAJUN was the pen name for A. J. Navard, a romantic son of old New Orleans, who, according to Pie Dufour, "avoided with meticulous care anything that resembled a fact."

"I am not a dealer in history," explained Cajun. "I deal in legends. History is dull; legends aren't."

Cajun could tell, for instance, how Andrew Jackson, though hopelessly outnumbered, was able to lick the British at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. It was done with alligators. "There's eight redcoats to one of us," snorted Old Hickory. "So we'll turn our 'gators loose on 'em!" He knew that holes made by alligators all over that region could prove fatal to unwary attackers. So he tricked the enemy into marching where holes were by the hundreds. There was a nice, big 'gator pit waiting not only for every redcoat, but for horse and cannon, too. Jackson's sharpshooters didn't have to do a thing but pot-shot 'em after they fell in!"

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## Gun Battle Ensues Between Agent, Thug

New York — An FBI agent and a "dangerous" murder suspect wounded each other in a gun fight just off busy Times Square Friday night when the desperado made a futile attempt to shoot it out with his captors.

The FBI positively identified the criminal as Albert Joseph Kostal, 37, an escape artist wanted in Denver, Colo., for the slaying of a policeman during a grocery stickup and kidnaping.

Kostal and agent Frank H. Gerrity, 37, of Colonia, N.J., both were taken to St. Clark's hospital with leg wounds. Kostal later was transferred to Bellevue hospital's prison ward. Neither was seriously wounded.

Kostal, who came close to making good his boast he "never would be taken alive," met his downfall like another desperado of the 1930s, John Dillinger.

**Kostal Fingered**  
The FBI said a woman "put the finger" on Kostal who had registered at the Hotel Dixie Friday under the name of Joe Delmar.

Dillinger was shot to death by FBI agents in Chicago as he left a movie theater with "the woman in red" who had tipped off authorities that Dillinger would be with her.

The gunfight between Gerrity and Kostal broke out when Gerrity, accompanied by agents William Glossa and Frank Mattes, tried to arrest the gunman at a subway entrance.

Kostal whipped out his .45 caliber automatic and Gerrity grappled with him. Before the other two agents could intervene, the pistol went off, wounding Gerrity in the leg.

**Continues Struggle**  
Gerrity continued to struggle with Kostal and all four men crashed to the pavement when the other agents joined the mele.

Another shot rang out as Gerrity twisted the pistol in Kostal's hand. The slug hit the gunman in the leg and he gave up the struggle.

The area, just one block from Times Square and a short distance from Kostal's hotel was filled with moviegoers and strollers when the shooting started.

Kostal escaped the Jefferson county jail in Golden, Colo., last Nov. 21 where he was being held for the slaying of policeman Raymond Isley in the grocery stickup.

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## Proposed Contract To Provide Water, Rehabilitation Fund

Water users in the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district will vote Tuesday, Jan. 14, on a contract with the bureau of reclamation for additional water and funds for rehabilitation of the district's distribution system.

Polling place will be at the district's office on Merriman rd. just north of the Howard school. Hours will be between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All legal land owners with two or more regularly assessed acres may vote, but the right to vote is limited to one vote per ownership, district officials pointed out.

The contract, if approved, will be for 3,000 acre feet of additional water annually, and \$580,000 worth of rehabilitation work.

**Water in District**  
The additional water will be used within the district. It will be used on 500 acres of additional land to be included in the district within two years after the Talent project is completed, and 1,500 acre feet of additional water will be used for present irrigated land.

Additional water will come from facilities being constructed in the Talent project. Most of the new irrigation storage space has been sold to the Talent Irrigation district, but there will be about 12,000 acre feet of storage space and at least 5,000 acre feet of increased return flow which will become available to the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irriga-

tion districts.  
Planned major items of rehabilitation of the RRVID with funds being made available under the proposed contract include 38,515 feet of laterals to be tiled and repaired; 34,350 feet of bank repair and rehabilitation of the Hopkins canal; and replacement of 12 wooden substructure flumes with new long life structures.

**Construction Scheduled**  
Construction for the additional water supply is estimated to be \$301,500, and the rehabilitation loan to the district, interest free, will be \$279,000, district directors noted.

The annual payment by the district for its share of Talent water supply operation and maintenance cost, estimated by the bureau of reclamation, will be \$1,500.

The first payment will start sometime after the mid-1960s, with the actual date dependent upon the progress of construction and rehabilitation work. The final payment of the loan and construction charges will be made after the year 2020.

**May Increase Assessment**  
Directors noted that if the proposed contract is not approved, the district may have to increase its assessment rate in the near future in order to accomplish the required rehabilitation. There has been no major modernization to the bulk of the district's distribution system in

more than 40 years, they added.  
Money for rehabilitation, if the contract is approved, will be interest free. The board noted that more than two-thirds of the previous interest free money obtained in 1955 went to the joint system. That is, it went for work above Bradshaw drop, with about \$70,000 being expended for new structures to carry the Hopkins canal across Yankee, Antelope and Bear creeks.

The maximum increase in rate which could result from the election would be \$1.90 per acre sometime after the mid-1960s, directors pointed out.

**Full Support**  
Directors noted that if the contract is approved, the bureau of reclamation will be able to give the district full support toward making the Dry Creek dam a reality.

After a careful study between the board of directors and the bureau of reclamation, the board found that in order to cope with present conditions and to keep the district on a sound future basis that:

1. The district's irrigated acreage must be appreciably expanded with easy to serve tracts in order to counteract the high costs resulting from the expansion of the residential and industrial areas around Central Point and Medford into the irrigated acreage of the district.

2. Increased water supply is required for current storage.

3. Major rehabilitation of the present district's system is required.

The board organized a water users information committee at a meeting last week, and directors urged users who desire more information to contact one of the members. Committee members, and their telephone addresses, are Otto Bohnert, Frank

Hamond, Edwin W. Gebhard, Chuck Taylor, Charles Bate-man, Scott Hamilton, Carl Hover, and Leonard J. Freeman, all of Central Point; Carl B. Ekholm, Gordon Kershaw and Glen Johnson, all of Medford; and Claude Hoover, Henry A. Owens, E. E. Reames, and V. S. Wright, all with Talbot telephone numbers.

## Dynamite Blows Stump And Man

Sweet Home — Linn Paddock, 19, Sweet Home, was killed Friday when dynamite under a stump he was removing to clear land blew up in his face.

Paddock was clearing land to make room for a home for himself and his bride-to-be.

Linn county Coroner Glenn Houston said that Paddock had set a charge of about 30 sticks of dynamite under the stump Thursday night but it didn't go off.

Paddock and four others went back Friday. He set two sticks of dynamite under the stump to attempt to make the other charge explode. However, only the two sticks exploded.

Paddock and John Livezey, 21, Sweet Home, went back to check the dynamite and it exploded as Paddock walked to the front of the stump. Livezey suffered cuts and bruises.

The others, Paddock's father, Vince Paddock and Rex Livezey, a brother of John, were not hurt. The coroner said apparently the smaller blast set off the fuse on the larger charge.

The victim had planned to be married to Sharon Poppe, Sweet Home.

## Volume of Timber Rises; Receipts Are Down, BLM Reports

The volume of timber sold from the Medford district of the bureau of land management in 1957 was 17,198 million board feet more than the volume sold in 1956, District Forester Ross Youngblood has reported.

Timber sold last year totaled 140,729 million board feet, compared to 93,531 million board feet the previous year.

Total receipts last year, however, were less than receipts during 1956. In 1957, receipts totaled \$2,969,241.10, compared to \$3,506,705.66 the previous year, he noted.

Youngblood said about 160.3 million board feet are planned for sale during 1958 in keeping with the policy of the BLM to place on the market the sustained yield allowable cut, providing there is personnel available to process the tracts.

Other than timber sales work in 1957, permanent sample plots for timber inventory purposes were estab-

lished on about 420,000 acres. They were established principally in Josephine and Jackson counties, and work is continuing in Klamath county. All phases of the inventory work is scheduled for completion in 1959, he noted.

About six miles of federal access roads were built in northern Josephine county, and several mining claims were examined under the principals established by law in 1955.

Considerable work toward establishing a recreational plan adjacent to the Howard Prairie project were made, and the blister rust control program on 61,302 acres, mostly in Josephine county, was continued.

The BLM supervised seeding and planting 1,073 acres last year. Most of the seeding was Douglas fir. Most of the timber sold last year was Douglas fir, but about 15 million board feet was white fir, which was considered non-merchantable a few years ago.

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