

Agate Dam Report Circulated Among Federal Agencies

Work on the report covering the proposed Agate dam and reservoir on Dry creek was completed early last month by the bureau of reclamation, according to Congressman Charles Porter.

"The report was made available to me on April 12 and was circulated to various interested federal agencies and Gov. Mark Hatfield on April 13," the congressman wrote. "Two days later I wrote letters to the heads of various government departments and agencies which had been asked to comment on the report

and asked that they speed up the process as much as possible.

Most of the department heads replied they would return comments to the department of interior as rapidly as possible. The Oregon governor said he would complete his comments on the project well before the deadline set by law—90 days from the date the report is circulated.

Would Be No Chance

"If the interested parties took the full 90 days to return their comments there would be no chance at all to get the dam authorized during the current congressional session," Porter said.

"Adjournment is expected about July 2. However, if all comments are returned quickly I have been assured by the bureau of reclamation officials they will expedite transmission of the report to Congress through the bureau of the budget," he added.

"Even then it will be a tight squeak to get any action on the project at this session," Porter added. "I have a bill ready to file, however, and I'll file it as soon as the report arrives at the Capitol. If it does prove to be too late for action this year, it will be ready for action early in the next Congress."

The bureau of reclamation now estimates the total cost of Agate dam and its various canals and other related construction at \$1,802,000. The benefit-to-cost ratio "is excellent," estimated at 3.49 to 1 over a 100 year period, the congressman said, or 2.76 to 1 over a 50-year period.

Earmarked For Recreation

About \$20,000 is earmarked for recreation facilities at the reservoir and \$27,100 for fish facilities in connection with the dam. Stored water would be used to irrigate 1,810 acres of presently dry land, Porter said.

Referring to Mail Tribune's Washington correspondent A. Robert Smith's report of April 13, Porter said he has not introduced the Agate dam bill.

"I have said I would introduce it when the reclamation bureau's report is complete but I have said I will not press for hearings and action this year, even if there is time, unless I am convinced that the local support is so overwhelming that there will be no appreciable harm to the Rogue basin project," the congressman explained. "In view of my rather complex position it is no wonder Mr. Smith may have been misled. I only make this correction in the interest of accuracy."

Restaurant Cook Denied Payment

Salem—A restaurant cook who was taking some time off and quit when her boss asked her to return a key to the cafe before she left has been denied unemployment compensation by a referee for the Oregon Employment Department.

The referee said the woman jumped to the conclusion when asked for the key that she was being fired. Actually, the employer only asked for the key because he did not want her to carry it with her on the out-of-town trip.

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Southern Oregon Institute for Parents Slated

Talent—The first Southern Oregon Institute for Parents of Visually Handicapped children will be held at the Talent city hall Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21.

The event is co-sponsored by the Lions auxiliaries of this area and the state school for the blind, according to Mrs. Frank Christian, Talent, state vice president.

Parents from as far away as Myrtle Creek are expected to attend the meeting, she said. Parents of visually handicapped children are invited to all sessions although their children may not be attending the school for the blind.

Friday Program

The Friday program starts at 7 p.m., and includes exploration of attitudes about blindness, expectations of the school by the parents, closer cooperation between parents and the school and a film showing school activities.

Saturday's session starts at 9:30 a.m. and includes discussions on positive summer activities for blind children, problems of partially sighted children and an afternoon session of personal conference.

The Talent Lions auxiliary will be hostess for the institute, Mrs. Christian said. Coffee hours will be under the direction of Jacksonville, Medford and Crater auxiliaries. Babysitters will be provided by auxiliaries from Phoenix, Medford, Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Rogue River, Grants Pass and South Grants Pass.

Nine Vehicles To Be Sold by Service

Nine used vehicles will be sold by the department of the interior, national park service, at 2 p.m. May 19, the service has announced.

For sale are a station wagon, a business coupe, four 1/2-ton pickups, a stake body truck, a dump truck, and a compressor mounted truck.

The equipment items listed are to be sold on a where-is and as-is basis, according to the service. Bidders have been invited to inspect the property today prior to placing bids.

Property may be examined by contacting the National Park service representative at the old Jackson county fairgrounds off Barnett rd., just east of the County shops.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Edward W. Zander, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Ray V. Deutchman Jr., overweigh, \$10.
Tony A. Huff, no operator's license, \$10.
Roy Allen Swain, no safety chain, \$15.
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Kenneth C. Hoigate, overload, \$10.
Robert M. Little, failure to stop, \$10.
Robert G. McKee, violation of basic rule, \$20.
John E. Martin, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Richard F. Huckaba, violation of basic rule, \$20.
Harlan E. Wing, failure to identify equipment, \$15.
Arthur Allen, overload, \$10.
Arthur Allen, overweight, \$10.
Eliot J. Hitt, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
William M. Longstre, failure to stop, \$10.
Raymond H. Marris, overload, \$117.
Richard M. Settle, obstructed vision, \$10.
Donna M. Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Viola M. Baucum, failure to stop, \$10.
Peter D. DeYoung, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Russell L. Howard, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.
Leslie T. Boveh, no life preserver, \$20.
Dale R. Matheny, violation of basic rule, \$20.

CIRCUIT COURT
Bertha E. Lea vs. Robert H. Lea, divorce complaint.
Lou E. Houser vs. George R. Houser, divorce complaint.
Doris Darlene Hillcomb vs. Jacob E. Hillcomb, divorce complaint.
Lennis B. Bowlin vs. Leon B. Bowlin, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Earl Brantley Hutcherson, route 2, box 220, Medford, and Margaret Marie Benjamin, route 2, box 220A, Medford.
Richard Raymond Graves, Grants Pass, and Vickie Mae Robertson, 1020 West 11th st., Medford.

Thornton To Attend Warm Springs Parley
Salem—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was to visit the Warm Springs Indian reservation today to take part in a conference of state and county law officers and officials of the confederated tribes of the Warm Springs reservation.

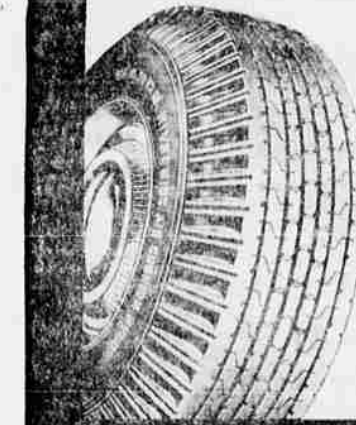
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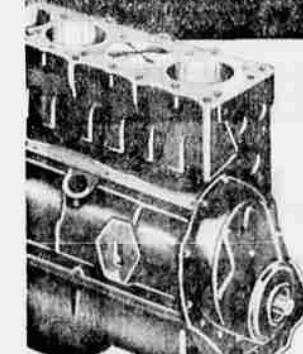
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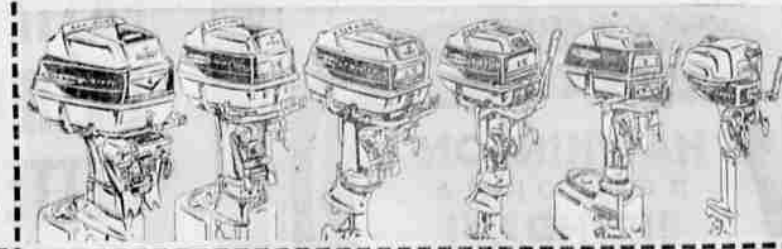
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