

Oregon Sand Dunes Area Said Fresh Water Supply Source



DIONNE QUINT HAS CHILD—The former Marie Dionne and her husband, Florian Quint, gave birth to a 5 pound, 13 ounce girl, Dec. 24 at St. Justine's hospital at Montreal. (UPI Telephoto)

Ground Water in Lens-Shaped Body Near Coos Bay

Portland—UPI—A report released by the Interior department said today that the area of sand dunes north of Coos Bay constitute a source of substantial supplies of fresh ground water.

The report was prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Oregon state engineer.

The report gives results of an investigation started in 1954 by the Geological Survey. The study, and others made later by private firms, led to construction of the first industrial plant in the area to be supplied with ground water from the dune sands of the Oregon coastal region.

The ground water is in a wedge, or lens-shaped body of dune sand that underlies an extensive lowland north of Coos Bay. The water-bearing sand, which extends to depths as great as 168 feet below sea level, is underlain by impermeable bedrock. The report said the pore spaces that contain the ground water constitute more than one-third of the volume of sand.

Data included in the report indicate that the ground water is replenished by the infiltration of more than 75 per cent of the rainfall, which averages about 81 inches per year. Most of the ground water discharges through springs and seeps near the margins of the dune area without being used.

Throughout most of the area, as much as two million gallons of water per day per square mile is available for continual withdrawal.

The report said the uniform grain size of the sand requires use of properly developed screened wells to keep out the sand and yet withdraw the water efficiently.

The water is soft, has a low mineral content and is generally of good quality.

Reforms Recommended in Federal Regulatory Bodies

Washington—UPI—President-elect John F. Kennedy's first effort to reform the federal regulatory agencies is likely to be aimed at raising their ethics and wiping out "back door" contacts, a Kennedy aide said today.

Action along this line was one of many far-reaching recommendations to improve the agencies laid before the President-elect Monday in an 87-page report by James M. Landis.

A former dean of the Harvard Law School and a member at various times of three of the federal agencies, Landis called the report for Kennedy on a hurry-up basis after the November election.

He called for appointment of a regulatory agency "czar" in the White House who would oversee the activities of the agencies in a "firm but friendly" way and exercise "imaginative and creative" direction.

In vigorous, sometimes biting language, Landis criticized the agencies and called for major changes in their procedures and personnel. He advocated establishment of new White House offices to lay down clear-cut government policy in the communications, transportation and

power industries. The 29,000-word report sharply attacked the way the agencies execute their duties—or fail to—and what Landis called their susceptibility to improper influence from the industries they regulate, the White House and senators and congressmen.

After reading the report, Kennedy said, "this is a most important and impressive analysis of the deficiencies of the administrative procedure."

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Task Force Tackles Problem Of Helping Depressed Areas

Washington—UPI—The special task force named by President-elect John F. Kennedy to draft a blueprint for

aiding economically depressed areas today starts writing its recommendations.

It was learned that some members of the group are advocating presidential action on this problem Jan. 20, the day Kennedy takes office, or at least within two or three days after he moves into the White House.

The committee, headed by Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), is drafting two programs for Kennedy—one that could be put into effect immediately

through presidential order and the other that would require legislation.

The group, made up of government officials, educators, labor leaders and congressmen, expects to hand its report to the President-elect before Jan. 1. The panel meets behind closed doors today to begin studying subcommittee reports and drafting its recommendations.

Kennedy is firmly committed to swift action to help areas with chronic unemployment. He promised this during his campaign in states where it was a hot political issue.

Those favoring quick presidential action on or shortly after inauguration day argue that some emergency, short-range program is needed immediately to ease the hardship of workers unemployed for a long time.

Douglas also has been told that such timing could have a dramatic political impact in areas looking toward the new administration for relief.

Portlander Escapes From State Hospital

Salem—UPI—Chester Raymond Hedrick, 25, who was arrested in Portland last October in connection with sex crimes, escaped from the state hospital Monday night.

Hedrick, who had told police when arrested he would escape "sooner or later," escaped with another inmate, Vern W. Street, 41.

Hospital officials said Hedrick wrapped himself in a blanket and plunged through a first floor window of the hospital's reception ward.

He was sent to the hospital last Friday after entering a plea of guilty to an attempted rape charge in Portland.

Christmas Lights Stolen in Salem

Salem—UPI—Christmas lights were stolen over the holiday week end from the home of Salem Mayor Russell F. Bonesteel.

City Alderman Ernest Savage reported a similar theft at his home.

Portland Man Held On Murder Charge

Portland—UPI—Lawrence Acosta, 27, was held today on a murder charge in connection with the death of his girl friend, Mavis Marlene Ready, 20.

Police said the woman apparently was strangled but the coroner's office had not determined the exact cause of death. Officers said Acosta reported the death at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The body was found in an upstairs bedroom at a home on Southwest First ave. Police said Acosta admitted "slapping" the young woman but denied he killed her.

Discoverer XIX Loses Power

New Boston, N.H.—UPI—The Air Force said today the Discoverer XIX satellite has lost its transmitting power.

Col. Nicholas Polio, operations officer at the New Boston radar satellite tracking station, said its last contact with the satellite was at 11:34 p.m. Christmas Day. He said that was the satellite's 75th pass around the world.

Polio said "after that it lost its power and we suspended our tracking operation."

The base had been receiving radiation data from the Discoverer since it was hurled into orbit last Tuesday from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. The satellite was spinning around the earth in a pole-to-pole orbit every 93 minutes.

Stocks Improve In Early Dealings

New York—UPI—Stocks improved by fractions in first hour dealings today.

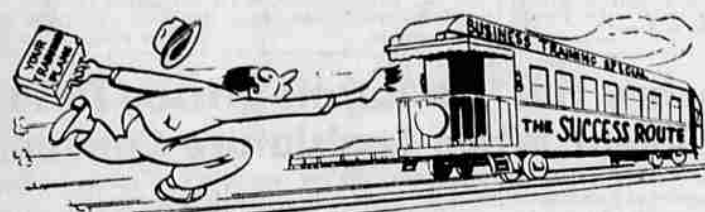
Steels met support with gains of around a half in Youngstown, Republic and Bethlehem.

Autos also ran up fractions on balance. Rails and utilities were steady to slightly higher. Cities Service rose more than a half in the oils in response to company plans to consolidate all of its petroleum marketing operations under a single subsidiary.

Zenith picked up more than a point in the electronics. Anacosta around a half in the coppers, while Polaroid dropped more than 2 in the cameras and Revlon more than 1 in the cosmetics.

INVESTIGATE DISASTER
Tehran, Iran—UPI—Premier Sharif Emami ordered a special commission Monday to investigate the Shemshak mine disaster in which 19 miners and two rescue workers died Saturday. Six of the miners were crushed to death by rocks after an explosion and the rest died of suffocation when ventilating equipment failed. All 21 bodies were recovered.

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