

# Power Association Lists Purposes; High Dam at Copper Canyon on Rogue Is Aim

(Editor's note: The following is a verbatim copy of a statement of purposes issued by the newly-formed Josephine County Public Power Association, which recently proposed construction of a high dam at Copper Canyon on the Rogue river above Agness. It is reprinted from the Grants Pass Courier. Comment on the statement appears in the editorial column on Page 4.)

Our first purpose is to form a people's utility district to facilitate an intelligent development of the Central Rogue Basin. We realize, however, that this district, so formed, will have commissioners elected by the people, who will be in charge of the administrative affairs of the district. We are sure they will reflect mature wisdom in making policies, and establishing their own goals. However, it is the hope of the sponsoring association that we may influence these goals by preparing an objective report. The following goals are the desires of the present sponsoring association and shall be designated and known as "The Dean Water Conservation Plan for the Rogue Basin."

According to the history of the Rogue Basin, there never has been a time that water hasn't been a major problem, and it is our aim that we should eliminate this problem, and for the first time in history water shall be available to all people in the Rogue Basin, filling their needs with surplus. We know that no customer will be too large or too small for us to serve.

We know we have available at the Copper Canyon Dam site in excess of six million acre-feet annually. We realize that Copper Canyon is a considerable distance from the heavily populated part of the basin; consequently, it would be necessary to slack water in the Rogue by a high dam in order to get economical access to pumping zones. This, we are reasonably sure, can be accomplished.

These pumping zones will be located in Graves Creek, Jump Off Joe Creek, Applegate River, and below the falls on the Illinois to serve the Selma-Cave Junction area. From these pumping zones we

hope to supply all the needs of Josephine County, not only for agriculture, but for industry, for mining, or for any other use.

After our own immediate needs, we hope to have excess water, to supply all the needs of Jackson County. We are reasonably sure that this can be accomplished at a price not prohibitive; so it will be a profitable adventure for the consumer. We also hope that every consideration will be given "to draw down" on the reservoir, so as not to interfere with the recreational potential. We believe that there can be installed one million six-hundred thousand horsepower capacity at Copper Canyon Dam. We believe we can operate this equipment at full capacity for six months annually.

We also believe that a power exchange agreement can be negotiated with the Bonneville Power Administration, whereby we may furnish maximum power during the time of high water, so we may receive power back again at low water in the summer months to facilitate our water program, and to limit our own generating system to the minimum amount of water necessary to supply all of the needs of the Rogue River below the dam, so as to assure no water shortage in Curry County; thus holding the reservoir draw-down to a minimum.

Now comes flood control. We realize that the proposed dams on the Upper Rogue do not protect us here in Josephine County from high water, caused by creative conditions occurring below the dam sites. Such high water can be very destructive!

We propose that a pumping zone be installed above the town of Rogue River, and a reservoir be built in the Evans Creek area, so flood waters may be pumped off when they occur, thus ending forever the threat of floods in the Grants Pass area.

We propose that similar stations be installed where needed, to protect life and property. The power for such purpose will be available here, produced from the Copper Canyon power supply.

Now we face the fish problem. For many years great sacrifice has been made to protect our anadromous fish. With this problem in mind, a preliminary survey of the Lower Rogue was conducted, and it appeared to be a simple task to pass these fish into the Chetco River watershed, through a natural fish escapement to the sea, by using a route around the Copper Canyon high dam. However, when we thing of the price we paid in the past, and the price we are paying at the present, we hereby recommend that this route should not be used, but in its place we seal the river against fish escapement forever. This should be a deterrent to a bad memory of the past and present anadromous fish policies. We regret in this instance all we can do is to recommend.

We believe that the district should employ a competent fish biologist. This biologist would be given a free hand in insuring a maximum of fish in the lake area. We recommend that we spend liberally to insure the utmost in fish capacity, but we must bear in mind that this type of fishing will bring millions of dollars to our economy. We should prepare to create facilities to accommodate the demands of a sudden influx of five hundred thousand tourists annually. We recommend for recrea-

tion in general the proposals set forth by the Josephine County Water Resources Board that part of the subcommittee on recreation's report referring to the construction of Copper Canyon dam be adopted.

There's no need at the present time to review those recommendations, for they are part of public record on file at the Josephine County Courthouse.

Now we shall consider power. We know we shall have in excess of our own needs, three hundred thousand kilowatts of firm power. Although it should be the policy to encourage the use of this power within our district, we recom-

mend the first option to purchase this power at cost should go to the Coos-Curry Electric at Port Orford, Ore. Should there be an excess beyond the needs of their district, and beyond the needs of our district, we recommend the public power pool for the benefit of the State of Oregon's public power distributors. This now is a general outline of our goal and purposes of the Josephine County Public Power Association, and in closing may we pray, "God help us to influence the future, in order that we may be free from fear or want."

Approved by the Board of Directors January 6, 1951. W. L. DAVIDSON, Chairman.



## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins  
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The so-called pickerel weed, like the proverbial small boy, likes to wade in shallow water. In fact, this plant insists on spending its entire life standing in water, and will flourish there provided the water is reasonably warm and correctly shallow.

In the warmer parts of the country the pickerel weed will blossom throughout the entire year. Its long spikes of violet-blue flowers, each with two bright yellow spots at the base of the petals, looks a great deal like the common hyacinth. Each blossom lasts but a single day, but it is followed by another and another. The stalks grow taller and taller, and the succession of bloom is almost continuous.

The pickerel weed has become somewhat of a pest in some localities, completely clogging some streams, and in a few sections it has become a serious problem in noxious weed control. There are records of some colonies of the weed in some southern states where a thousand acres are completely choked with it, according to estimates based on aerial and ground reconnaissance.

The name pickerel weed was reached by a rather roundabout method. Growing as the weed does in fresh water creeks and ponds, some fishermen noticed that pick-

erel were nearly always present in the near vicinity of the plant, and the observers assumed that the fish were using the roots of the plant for depositing their eggs.

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## OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith  
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But other men, dedicated to less fashionable scientific fields, go on working in their humble laboratories, developing such blessings as nerve gas, chocolate that won't melt on a long march and a supply rocket that will shoot soda crackers and hors d'oeuvres 18,000 yards.

Fortunately, plenty of our bright people are pretending that H bomb doesn't exist. They are going right ahead preparing for what is called a limited war. Limited war means there would be somebody left.

This is a smart idea. Any prizefighter knows that if you base your defense on the other fellow's right, he is likely to kick you in the ankle.

Nobody honors the inventors, gunsmiths and dieticians who are looking out for the footsoldier in the next limited war.

They keep on giving of their genius, with no more notice than a circus juggler gets competing with the center ring where the lion is swallowing the pretty lady lion tamer.

But their work rearsures us that the old values still have merit. Not everything loved can be incinerated in the nuclear flash.

I'm delighted to hear that the Navy has no thought of scrapping the signal flag just because we have evolved into an age in which electronic messages can be bounced off the moon.

There are some things sailors say to each other that shouldn't be overheard even in the emptiness of space.

Suppose one of our ships, faced with the not uncommon crisis of the sea, meets another ship on the Pacific waste and recognizes her as a possible source of relief.

With the new, high-visibility signal flags, it would be no problem to advise the other ship of the trouble and ask assistance, without the whole world eavesdropping.

The vivid little triangles are affixed to a line and up she goes, singing out the captain's message:

"We are out of strawberry ice cream. Can you help us?"

Such a communication would make perfect sense between two U. S. naval vessels on the high sea.

I wouldn't want it to fall, however, on the ears of the U. S. Army or the Marines. These organizations haven't yet got over the fact that throughout World War II the Navy got the most ice cream.

As for hostile monitors, they would surely misinterpret such a message. It probably would lead to limited war.

In fact, the world is so snooty and touchy these days I wonder if the U. S. Navy is really wise in increasing the visibility of its bunting.

Anyway, Red China will probably have it in six years.

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## Legislative Briefs

Salem - UPP - The Joint Ways and Means committee Wednesday approved for introduction a bill appropriating \$1,250,000 to run the legislature until the session ends.

The funds also would be used for legislative purposes during the interim until the 1953 legislature convenes.

The Oregon Dairymen's association, meeting here, indicated desire today that two measures to benefit their industry be passed.

One would tighten the pudt milk law. Dairymen said it would further protect farmers. The other, which was expected to get stiff opposition, is known as the "Fair Trades practices Act." It would eliminate discounts to retail milk outlets and lending of dairy display equipment.

A 42-bill package of election law revisions and a special election bill for School District 1 in Multnomah County were described Wednesday at the first meeting of the House Committee on Elections and Reapportionment.

Jack Thompson, elections director, said he considered the election law revision measures to be primarily "house-keeping" suggestions. His office prepared them. They are noncontroversial, he said.

Rep. Edward Whelan, D-Portland, said a bill which would save Multnomah County an estimated \$100,000 in a special election March 8 would be introduced today. It would allow the district to pool precincts to cut down on polling places.

Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, told the House Education committee Wednesday surplus driver training funds should be distributed on the basis of student participation in driver training programs.

Rogers said extra funds now are returned to the Highway Department each year.

James Turnbull, deputy superintendent of public instruction, said \$5,000 more would be needed by the State Board of Education for driver training instruction if civil service pay scales are raised. The board's driver training budget now stands at \$30,000.

The committee also is considering a bill to upgrade teacher certification requirements. The bill would require all teachers to have five years of training, instead of only high school teachers.

## Halfield Wants Fair For Agriculture

Salem UPP - Mark Halfield said Wednesday he would like to see the Oregon State Fair return to a greater emphasis on agriculture.

One way to do this, he suggested, would be to place the state fair commission under the agriculture department.

Under Halfield's reorganization plan, the agriculture department in turn would be under the proposed new natural resources department.

Halfield made his remarks to delegates attending a meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association.

## Identical Twins Appear In Divorce Suit

Los Angeles - UPP - Identical twins appeared in court Thursday in connection with a divorce suit, and both gave their first names as Anna.

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