

# Governor Brown's Comments On Water Plan Are Announced

By United Press International  
Gov. Edmund G. Brown's long-awaited comments on the proposed Pacific Southwest Water Plan of Interior Secretary Stewart Udall was a highly qualified OK—punctuated with 24 "ifs."

The biggest "if" could expand the plan for providing water to the drier areas of the Southwest to Washington, Oregon and Idaho as additional sources of water.

As proposed, the \$4 billion Udall plan would take about 2.4 million acre feet of water from

Northern California and give it to Southern California and to Arizona.

Brown said the state could provide water for the southern counties, but the other states should help with Arizona. He proposed a special commission from all the states involved to decide what areas of surplus water to tap, including California.

The water question, especially as it pertains to Southern California, has been hotly debated since the U. S. Supreme Court last June turned over to Arizona

about half the water that had been taken from the Colorado river by Southern California.

If the federal government approved his 24 revisions in the original plan, Brown said, "Californians would have much to gain and nothing to lose by supporting the modified plan in Congress."

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

**Bracero** — California farmers greeted with "considered pleasure" the U. S. Senate's decision to extend the Bracero (Mexican Nation) farm labor program for another year. But there were still questions of what will happen after the extension runs out. And there was dissent. Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said the extension was "grossly callous" and was a "disgraceful disregard of the severely impoverished lives of hundreds of thousands of American migrant farm workers."

**Guns** — Gov. Edmund G. Brown told a news conference a "better job" was needed to keep guns from "children, ex-cons and people in mental institutions." Brown had been asked to comment on proposals restricting the sale of guns in the wake of the assassination of President Kennedy. He said sportsmen and a rifle association had offered a solution "but I can't tell you what it is today."

**Politics** — Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty predicted that California Democrats Jesse Unruh and Eugene Wyman will have less political power under President Johnson than they did under Richard Kennedy. Yorty backed Richard M. Nixon in the 1960 presidential race. Thomas Braden, president of the state board of education, said Sen. Clair Engle, who underwent a major operation, "definitely" plans to run again for the U. S. Senate. Braden, who visited Engle, said Engle said he planned to "run like a jack rabbit" . . . Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger ruled out any chance he might run for Congress in California. Salinger, urged to run by San Francisco mayor-elect Rep. John Shelley, said he could not do so because he was a legal resident of Virginia. Thomas L. Pitts, state AFL-CIO official, accused the 1963 legislature of "failure and inaction." He said the state lawmakers failed to correct "serious deficiencies" in laws governing labor-management relations and failed to act on key labor bills. But Pitts praised passage of the Rumford Fair Housing bill. Dr. Max Rafferty, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, said he doubted the next legislature would approve a county-wide equalization of school taxes and suggested a \$75 million boost in state aid to education. He gave the equalization proposal "no chance."

**Travel Agents** — State senate committee chairman Alan Short had sharp words for the Civil Aeronautics Board, a U. S. Senator and an airline following a hearing on travel agents. Charging that one travel agent had "messed up vacations" for more than 700 state residents last year, Short charged the CAB was "not paying attention to the public welfare." He told Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., that a bill relating to travel agents "doesn't reach the problem." And he asked Pan American World Airways if its threat to cancel its representation by a Carmel travel agent had resulted from the agent's support of a proposal to license travel agents.

**Fair Housing** — Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk said the word "realtor" would become a dirty word if an initiative to put the Rumford Fair Housing Law on the ballot succeeds. Mosk said the California Real Estate Association "will have committed suicide" if the initiative qualifies for the ballot, adding that it would be defeated anyway. Mosk spoke before the Men of Tomorrow, a Negro group, in Oakland.

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**RETIRES FROM BANKING** — Miss Edith Jacobs, 517 W. 10th St. is pictured above as she was presented a money tree from employees of First National Bank of Oregon, Medford Branch, when she was honored recently on her retirement from the bank. Making the presentation was R. C. Ross, vice president and branch manager. Miss Jacobs, who has spent 44 years in the banking service, began in the work in 1919 at the Central Point State Bank in the bookkeeping department. In August, 1930, she joined the staff of the First National Bank of Medford as a savings teller. When the bank was purchased by the First National Bank of Oregon in November, 1935, she continued as a staff member and when she was retired was in charge of the safety deposit department. For many years Miss Jacobs lived in Central Point and she attended grade and high schools there.

## Lumber Hearing In Week's Recess

PORTLAND (UPI) — A hearing on possible unemployment benefits for Northwest lumber

## Stockmen's Course Set Monday At WSU

PULLMAN, Wash. (UPI) — The 12th annual stockmen's short course will begin Monday at Washington State University. Registrations have been received from California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah and Washington and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

## Dowdy Charged With First Degree Murder

OREGON CITY (UPI) — The Clackamas County district attorney's office Friday issued a warrant charging Kenneth Dowdy, 29, with first degree murder.

Dowdy is being sought in connection with the fatal shooting of Mrs. Minnie Milson, 63. Her body was found at her poultry and pet farm at Canby Nov. 24. She had been shot in the head.

Dowdy was a handyman at the farm.

workers idled by last summer's strike and closures, resumed here Friday until Dec. 15.

The time was used to permit attorneys for employers and two unions to attempt to settle their differences.

The issue dividing the two sides is whether statements made by a Springfield business agent should be considered typical of all International Woodworkers of America business agents.

Frank R. Worley, business agent for IWA Local 3-246, Springfield, had said his local established no picket line, declared no strike and was ready to return to work at any time.

Employers claim the plants were closed on a "strike one-strike all" basis after pickets from the IWA and Lumber and Sawmill Workers appeared at St. Regis Co. and U.S. Plywood Corp. Weyerhaeuser, International Paper Co., Crown-Zellerbach and Rayonier subsequently shut their plants, idling 7,100 workers.

If an agreement can be reached the general hearing here will end and regional meetings will be scheduled in Oregon and Washington to discuss "local" issues.

## Officers Elected by Stockmen's Group

APPELEGATE — Fred (Fritz) Offenbacher, Applegate, was elected president of the Applegate Stockmen's Association for one year at its annual meeting last week.

Guy Watkins, Applegate, was elected vice president; and Fred Straube, Applegate, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The cattlemen discussed meeting with Carroll Brown, supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest on grazing rights related to private land leases.

The Forest Service personnel in the Applegate showed slides of grass plots on the range protected by wire cages. These plots will be used as a standard means for measurement of range carrying capacity, it was explained.

## Two Persons Hurt In Vehicle Crash

Mrs. Leland Alexander Mentzer, 67, of 703 W. Second St., was listed in fair condition at Rogue Valley Hospital Saturday following a three-car rear-end collision Friday afternoon on U.S. 99 north of the state police office.

She is being treated for face cuts.

A driver, Mrs. Hazel Lucile Johnson, 86, Rogue Valley Manor, Medford, is being treated for minor injuries at the Manor's infirmary.

State police said a pickup truck driven by Herbert Howard Lage, 36, of 2218 Capitol Ave., Medford, stopped at the drive of Industrial Air Products for the traffic to clear before turning in. The car in which Mrs. Mentzer was riding, driven by her husband, stopped behind the Lage truck. The Johnson car failed to see the stopped vehicles in time and hit the Mentzer car driving it into the Lage truck, officers said.

A panel truck driven by Victor Coy Halsey, 19, of 1612 W. Main St., Medford, rolled over on U.S. 99 near the state police office Friday. No injuries were reported, however.

The truck had started to

## Phoenix Post Office Extends Open Hours

PHOENIX — Beginning Monday, Dec. 9, longer hours will be observed at the Phoenix post office for the convenience of persons in the area who will be mailing Christmas packages, cards and letters, Mrs. Marie Furry, postmaster has announced.

Hours for week days will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday until Christmas.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, the post office will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The zip code for Phoenix is 85735 and the postmaster has asked all persons to use it on return addresses.

## Portland Restaurant Hit By Burglar, Fire

PORTLAND (UPI) — Fire following a burglary early Saturday caused about \$3,500 damage to the Caro Amico Restaurant in southwest Portland.

Owner Floyd K. Baker said about \$60 was taken from a cash drawer and some whiskey may also have been stolen before the fire was set. It started in a storage room of the upper floor.

Baker said burglars broke into the restaurant five weeks ago and took \$55.



## BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

Cold, wet, weather in the mountains and a bumper crop of madrona berries has brought thousands of robins and large flocks of cedar waxwings to the foothills of our valley. Western bluebirds for the first time since the big freeze in January, 1961, are again present in flocks wherever there are mistletoe berries.

As usual there have been variations from the normal autumn birds. R. Browning has observed the large concentration of savannah sparrows in the Agate desert area. He also reports numerous marsh wrens singing in the Hoover Lake area. A lone sand hill crane seen by both R. Browning and myself has been in the eastern Hoover Lake area for the past three weeks.

Near the end of October, Mrs. O. E. Kellogg has reported sighting northern phalaropes near Sardine Creek. On Oct. 29 evening grosbeaks were feeding along Barnett Road. An immature Bonaparte gull was seen near Ashland Nov. 7 by J. Reynolds. An adult Bonaparte gull was observed near Talent on Nov. 14 by Mrs. L. Tompkins and Mrs. G. Hartley. A ring bill gull, reported by A. Mercer, was feeding on Nov. 10, on the football field at Jackson School.

A barn owl attended the Medford-Crater football game on Nov. 1, as observed by J. Pemrite. Mrs. M. Sweet from the Talent vicinity has reported that during the past month an Anna's hummingbird has visited a porch to feed from fuchsias. This bird may have lost its fall migratory instinct as other valley hummingbirds left in September. There is a recorded precedent of an Anna's hummingbird wintering in Ashland in January, 1959.

The fields west of Talent must be a favorable habitat for birds, or else this area has exceptionally good birders. During the past five years, such rare or uncommon birds as the yellow-shafted flicker, the phainopepla, Lawrence's goldfinch, the white-faced ibis and the red-eyed vireo have all been observed and reported in this area. This year the list increases with the addition of the above mentioned Anna's hummingbird and the Bonaparte gull.

To complete the fall sightings near Talent, a rare black and white warbler was seen in early fall by Mrs. R. Kent, and a white-throated sparrow is now a regular visitor at the feeder of Mrs. G. Hartley. Another not too common bird seen near Talent was a male goshawk observed by Mrs. L. Tompkins on Nov. 5.

The Rev. Thomas McCamant and I had a fine birding trip in the Hoover Lake and Roxy Ann areas on Nov. 4. In three hours we found 37 species including 15 western bluebirds, one American bittersn, one horned lark, 12 lark sparrows, and six red tail hawks. As Mr. McCamant does not have acorn woodpeckers, titmice, and brown towhees near his home at Hubbard, Ore., he particularly wished to see them here. We found the brown towhee on the slope of Roxy Ann, and titmice and acorn woodpeckers in my garden in Medford.

Regular bird visitors at my feeder now include Oregon juncos, Audubon's warblers, titmice, downy and acorn woodpeckers, black capped chickadees, bush-tits, starlings, rufous sided towhees, scrubjays, and golden crown and white crown sparrows. In my yard I also see an occasional Bewick's wren, a mountain chickadee, a white breasted nuthatch and ruby crowned kinglets.

Telephone calls have been received about the build-up of starlings in Medford. I have just learned of an unusual ability of one member of this species. Mrs. L. Tompkins reports that a starling visits her feeders and mimics the calls of the juncos, sparrows, jays and others. Now I would like to know if this mimic talent is peculiar to this specific starling, or if it is a characteristic of the race.

The Audubon Christmas bird count will be taken on Jan. 1 this year. About 25 to 30 hardy birders will spend New Year's day totaling numbers of birds seen by species in a circle 15 miles diameter centered between Central Point and White City.

From these yearly counts that are performed in all the United States, the Audubon Society is able to analyze the changes that are ever taking place in bird populations and movements. For example, in recent years the survey has pinpointed the decline of the bald eagle. In this area we have noted the progressive population growth of the starling and tricolored blackbird, the reduction of robins and western bluebirds, and the attempt of yellow-headed blackbirds and black-billed magpies to establish colonies in the valley.

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