

Water Resources Board In Favor Of Oroville Dam

SACRAMENTO (UP) — The State Water Resources Board was on record Saturday urging immediate construction of the Oroville Dam and power plant as part of the states' Feather River Project.

The board late Friday also voted to ask Congress to authorize the Army Engineers to determine the flood control values of the Oroville Dam in order to ascertain the extent of federal participation in its construction in the interest of flood control.

The board also:

1. Reviewed its recommendations, made before the December floods, for congressional appropriations for federal flood control works, but came up with a \$47,201,000 total request, lower than made earlier.
2. Called for early state authorization of works similar to the Biemond Plan to provide flood control and salinity repulsion for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and to provide efficient transport of water across the delta for export to southern areas of deficiency.
3. Adopted the report of State Engineer Harvey O. Banks recommending Congress appropriate adequate funds to expedite or complete 12 presently authorized projects, authorize five new projects and survey another dozen for possible authorization.
4. Accepted a report from a board of consultants recommending water quality standards to be applied to the delta to preserve the quality of water to be exported south, but deferred action on adoption of the standards pending completion of state studies.

Although the board lowered its total request for federal flood control projects for specific projects where flood damage was great. Even the lower figure was \$19,920,000 higher than the executive budget sent to Congress by President Eisenhower.

The board voted to send its chairman, Clair Hill, and staff members to Washington to confer with the California congressional delegation and the Army Engineers prior to March congressional hearings.

The board made these major changes from its previous request. It asked more for flood control for Coyote Dam on the Russian River from \$5,500,000 to \$2,250,000 because a local legal squabble had delayed work, and reduced its request for new Melones Dam from \$500,000 to \$300,000 because the Army Engineers said they could not spend the larger amount.

Boosted to \$1,000,000 its earlier \$58,000 request for Terminus Dam on the rampaging Kaweah River which caused damage estimated at \$18,600,000, the full price of the dam.

Upped its request for the San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz County to \$200,000 from the earlier \$50,000 recommended because of the "critical problem" in the city of Santa Cruz. The board said the Army Engineers believe the \$200,000 is the full amount that could be used in the next fiscal year.

Increased its request for San Lorenzo Creek in Alameda County from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The local interests had asked \$2,000,000 but the board said the engineers reported it would be virtually impossible to complete planning and initiate construction next year.

Doubled its earlier request for \$500,000 for preliminary examinations and surveys after some 25 agencies reported to the board on their needs.

Death Takes Mrs. Jackson

PORTLAND (UP) — Mrs. C. S. Jackson, the tiny, long-lived widow of the man who built the Oregon Journal into one of the West's large newspapers, died Friday night.

Death was due to a stroke. She was 93, and had outlived her husband, two sons and her grandson. At death her closest relative was a great-grandson, Peter Jackson, now 12.

She was chairman of the board of the newspaper.

She had been closely connected with the Journal from the time her husband took over the struggling, four-month-old paper in 1902 and began building it into Oregon's largest afternoon daily.

Mrs. Jackson announced several years ago that the paper was being placed in trust to the Jackson Foundation. A board of trustees, headed by Publisher William W. Knight, operates it.

She long had been active in civic affairs, and had drawn many honors for her activities.

Mrs. Jackson was the founder of the George A. White service men's center, and in 1944 was named Portland's first citizen by the Portland Realty Board. She was one of the few women so honored.

Born in Richmond, Va., in 1862, she was married to Clark Jackson at Pendleton in 1886. They remained there until 1902, when they sold the East Oregonian, bought the Oregon Journal and moved to Portland.

One of her sons, Francis Clifton Jackson, was drowned when a ship sank off the Oregon coast in 1919.

Her husband died in 1924, and her other son, Philip L. Jackson, became publisher of the Journal. He died in 1933.

Her grandson, C. S. Jackson II, the son of Francis, was assistant managing editor of the Journal, when he was killed in the crash of a helicopter in 1947. It is his son, Peter, who survives.

Tax Basis Told Lions Group

DUNSMUIR — The basis for payments in lieu of taxes made by the U.S. Forest Service to counties was explained by Glen Crouch, district ranger of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, at the dinner meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday night, January 31, at the Travelers Hotel.

Counties receive in lieu payments on the basis of acres of national forests within their boundaries, Crouch stated. This money is used for the support of schools and for road building and maintenance.

The U.S. Forest Service is a profitable government agency, Crouch told the Lions Club. All funds collected for timber, grazing and other land use go into the U.S. treasury and funds are allotted for forest service work. Last year the government netted over \$9 million from its forest lands, he said.

Crouch pointed out that because Siskiyou County is largely national forest land its citizens should be aware of this in lieu payment and also watchful that the present system of pro-rating payments on a per acre basis be maintained. He further stated that counties without national forest land would like to see it divided equally among the counties, which would bring a hardship on those paying property taxes in counties largely national forest land.

Weed Residents Attend Meeting

WEED — Mr. and Mrs. Les Kyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Leno Lenz, attended the Lions Club zone dinner meeting in Yreka Sunday, January 29, at the Rex Cafe. Kyle is president of the Weed club and Lenz is the secretary.

Zone chairman William Paul, Dunsmuir, and Lloyd Johnson, Lions district governor, conducted the meeting which is held regularly for all district Lions Club presidents and secretaries.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Paul were among the lady guests attending with their husbands from the district clubs.

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EDWARD F. STORER, 79, longtime resident of Klamath County whose home is in the Hildebrand district, is recovering in Klamath Valley Hospital from a broken hip, suffered on January 21. Mr. Storer was born in Augusta, Maine, August 4, 1876 and has seen much of the world in his travels. He was an electrician on ocean going vessels and ships that sailed the Great Lakes, rode the trails behind the dogies in the early days of the cattle industry, knew Will Rogers and remembers when sheep sold for 90 cents a head. He played in childhood with the children of James J. Blaine, owner of the Kennebec Journal, published in Augusta and has vivid recollection of many important dates in American history.

Youths Drown After Accident

EUGENE, Ore. (UP) — Four teenagers, who had left a dance a short time before, were drowned Friday night when their automobile plunged off a road into the Siuslaw River.

They were John White, 19; Janet May Garrett, 17; Sharon Singler, 18; and Danny Poppe, 19, all of Eugene.

Headlights shining beneath 32 feet of the chill water were seen by George Johnson, a rancher who lives across the river and this led to discovery of the tragedy.

One of the girl's wrist watches stopped at 10:45 p. m. lead the police to believe that the accident occurred at that time.

W. T. Moon, chief of police at Florence, said the car went into a ditch on the side of the road, struck a power pole and then veered across the highway into the river. This mishap occurred near the town of Mapleton 60 miles west of here.

The headlights on the car remained burning. This aided in recovery of the car and bodies by a diver.

Moon said police were unable to determine immediately who had been driving.

He said the four teenagers were traveling west toward Florence at the time of the crash. They had left a public dance at Benton-Lane Park north of Eugene a short time before the accident.

Arctic Workers Begin Leaving

ABOARD THE U.S.S. ARNEB IN THE ROSS SEA (UP) — Operation Deep Freeze began to evacuate from the Antarctic Saturday, leaving behind two nearly completed bases.

With Adm. Richard E. Byrd aboard, the Arneb steamed north through McMurdo Sound out into the Ross Sea behind the ice breaker Edisto.

The veteran explorer who is returning from his fifth Antarctic expedition, said the building of bases at Little America and McMurdo Sound in the past two months holds great significance.

"I think this represents the opening of a continent," he said. "I think that from now on there will be permanent bases down here. This expedition showed it can be done."

The Edisto will shepherd the Arneb through the ice pack, then turn back to survey ice landing field possibilities at Cape Adare for next fall's air operations.

While the Arneb heads home by way of New Zealand, Australia, Italy and Spain, the Edisto will return to McMurdo to assist in buttoning up the first phase of deep freeze.

Drivers' Course Talks Continue

WEED — The Siskiyou County Peace Officers Association will continue discussion of Behind the Wheel Drivers' Training for Siskiyou County high schools at the February 9 meeting, according to Judge Kenneth Stone, Weed, publicity chairman for the group.

Paul Fisher, superintendent of schools, Yreka, will make a report on the continued investigation of the program's possibility of being initiated in the county schools, as proposed by the association.

The Thursday night meeting will be at Mike and Tony's in Mount Shasta, arrangements by Felix Gaspari, Mount Shasta, Chief of Police, and other members of that city. A full agenda of current business is slated by the president, George Banich, Yreka.

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GM Earnings Top Record Made In 1954

NEW YORK (UP) — The bluest of industry's blue chips came up with a batch of jet-propelled 1955 earnings reports this week that left the record profits of earlier years in the model T category.

Topping the star-spangled list of reporting firms was General Motors Corp., the world's biggest automaker. First company in U.S. history to break through the billion-dollar profits barrier, GM last year racked up net earnings of \$1,182,000,000. That's what the company had left after setting aside \$1,600,000,000 for federal, state and local taxes.

Also heard from were the world's biggest oil company, the world's biggest steel firm and the world's biggest copper producer.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), reporting the "best year in the company's history," estimated its 1955 profits at 717 million dollars, up 23 per cent from the year before.

A 90 per cent hike was announced by United States Steel Corp. with profits at a new peak of \$370,197,000, sales and shipments also set new highs. Kennecott Copper Corp. boosted its net earnings 81 per cent, to a record \$125,615,000. Net income of Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. shot to a new high of \$140,755,858.

Contributing further to the ebullient tone of business were predictions by industry leaders of a lush profits in 1956. The stock market snapped out of its January doldrums with oil shares leading the advance. Retail trade moved ahead. Steel set new production records.

Outstanding soft spot was the auto industry which announced new cutbacks to bring production into line with sagging sales.

Beginning Monday, all Chrysler divisions in Detroit (including the Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge and Plymouth) will go on a four-day week. Already shut down for two weeks was the Packard-Clipper division of Studebaker-Packard Corp. with 5,500 idle. For the industry at large, it's estimated that some 33,000 auto workers have been laid off since the start of the year.

January output of cars and trucks was 8 per cent under December and down nearly 7 per cent from January 1955.

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BURGLARY REPORTED

Four half-dollar coins were all that appeared to be missing after a burglary at the residence of Jesse D. Cobb, 3704 Diamond Street, Friday evening, Oregon State Police reported today. Police said the theft occurred while the Cobbs were attending a motion picture show between 6-10:30 p.m. Friday.



A HELPING HAND is extended to Vicki Carter by her father, Ronald Carter, at the Moore Park skating rink Thursday evening. Thursday was the first day of skating this season, and recreation department officials estimated that more than 1200 persons were on hand for the event.

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Bomb Claim By Twining Supported

WASHINGTON (UP) — Atomic authorities today confirmed Gen. Nathan F. Twining's assertion that accidental explosion of nuclear weapons is practically impossible.

The Air Chief of Staff said Friday that U.S. strategic bombers are in a state of "instant readiness" to wreak atomic retaliation against an aggressor.

He also said Americans needn't be alarmed by the thought of a skyfull of big bombers laden with nuclear weapons. He said the danger to U.S. civilians from accidental atomic explosions in the air or on the ground is "essentially nonexistent."

Atomic sources said Twining wasn't just talking "by the slide rule." Theoretical considerations convinced atomic weapons long ago that accidental explosion of A-bombs — either as the result of enemy action or of accidents in handling — was highly unlikely.

Nitroglycerin, TNT, and dynamite — non-atomic explosives all — are skittish. A bump under the wrong circumstances can set them off. But that isn't the case with nuclear weapons.

Making atomic weapons explode is a complicated engineering art. You could drop the Empire State Building on an A-bomb without detonating it. Unless "subcritical" amounts of nuclear explosives are brought together in just the right way to create a "critical assembly," they won't do anything but lie there.

External force, such as an enemy bombing raid, would be far more likely to scatter the vital components of atomic weapons than they would be to assemble them explosively. The same would be true if a U.S. warplane lugging A-bombs, should crash on U.S. soil.

But that is slide rule stuff, and the Atomic Energy Commission wanted real proof. So last fall and this winter the AEC staged some tests in Nevada to see if it could make nuclear weapons go off without intentional activation of their built-in triggers.

It is understood the testers tried to explode atomic devices "accidentally" by means of high explosive charges and, on the last attempt, by means of a low-order nuclear detonation.

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