

SOLV Beach Cleanup is this Saturday

The annual SOLV Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup will take place September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Oregonians from every corner of the state are invited and encouraged to join SOLV in this nationally recognized cleanup. Thousands of volunteers are needed to participate at 44 sites up and down the Oregon Coast.

It is easy to volunteer! Just check in, pick up a litter bag, and head down to the beach to help spruce up the coast for

wildlife, visitors and all Oregonians. Groups of 20 or more are asked to register in advance. Visit www.solv.org or call SOLV at 503-844-9571 or toll free in Oregon, 1-800-333-SOLV for a list of registration sites. SOLV suggests volunteers bring gloves, wear sturdy shoes, and be safe while having fun removing marine debris and litter!

SOLV is proud to be a front runner in the clean beach movement that began in 1984. Since then, SOLV has worked

to collect over 1,000 tons of trash with the help of nearly 175,000 dedicated volunteers. With every foot of Oregon's beautiful 363-mile coast line being scoured, SOLV hopes for another record-setting event. "Marine debris takes a heavy toll on the environment, wildlife and even the local economy. We hope everyone who enjoys the beach's splendor takes their environmental duty seriously and joins us in this great event," said Pamela Sery, SOLV's Beach Cleanup Coordinator.

50 Years Ago This Month

The September 25, 1958, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

Another proposal to dam the Nehalem river was voiced a few days ago to provide irrigation and flood control for this valley and a new source of water for the Tualatin valley.

The proposition came from Hi Scott, farmer in Scoggins valley, where a dam has been proposed to store water for the Tualatin. In his proposal for the Nehalem, he contends that a dam on the latter river would provide a better source than the one in Scoggins valley.

The Nehalem dam would be probably 200 feet high located in Washington county near the Columbia county line. It could impound up to 250,000 acre feet of water in a 3460-acre lake.

By means of a tunnel near Timber it would be possible to divert the water from the dam by way of Beaver creek to Gales creek and then to the Tualatin valley.

Another tunnel at the north part of the project could divert water to Dairy creek and make supplemental irrigation available to the northern part of Washington county.

A dam of the size proposed would produce probably 115,000 acre feet of water annually, leaving

a lake of approximately 140,000 acre feet for recreation.

The proposal would leave for negotiation the amount of water to be diverted to the Tualatin valley and the amount to be left in the Nehalem watershed.

The present proposal fits in well with a field examination report on the upper Nehalem watershed made in June, 1956 under the direction of the state soil conservation service.

In a summary in the report the following statement was made:

"Floods on the valley floor are nearly annual in occurrence. Flooding is caused largely by inadequate channels to carry the runoff resulting from the heavy winter rainfalls. The stream flows are so large that it appears impractical to attempt to prevent floods by detention reservoirs alone. If other uses, such as irrigation, fish and wildlife, recreation and industrial water supplies, could be used for justification, there appears to be an opportunity for developing several upstream reservoirs that would give partial flood protection."

The area to be drained into the dam would amount to about 47 square miles.

The suggested dam would be located north of Sunset camp and would involve relocation of the Sunset highway. Most all of the

reservoir area would be within Washington county boundaries although it would border Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

Since the proposal was made, both Loren Thompson of the firm of Stevens and Thompson, and H. Kenneth Anderson, consulting engineer, have reviewed the project and both believe that from an engineering standpoint it is completely feasible.

Additional hydrologic and economic studies must be made to determine if the project would be economically sound.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I met my friend the Black Bird the other day trying to cross the street from Sentry Market to the Post Office. Poor thing hopped into the street less than halfway – here comes a car from Maple St. He hops back to the curb, starts to cross again and I come up wanting to turn into the Post Office, but another car is approaching, I stop, he retreats again, car goes by and before I can start turning he hops across in front of me at full speed. Yes, he got across and onto the sidewalk, I got to the Post Office. I would loved to have had his thoughts on giving the pedestrian the "right of way." Ho, Ho. It's things like this that make my day. Another is the beautiful cloud patterns in the sky between breaks in the weather. Picking berries, gathering apples and reading all the junk

mail that floods my mailbox. No wonder postage is so high.

School has started. Both political parties have spoken and spoken and spoken. Do you know any more than you did before the "stories" started? Trashing the other fellow isn't going to get the better person for the job at hand (as far as I'm concerned). So, how are you the everyday educated person, going to weed out the most truthful mud-slinger?? Flash – there are at least 120 new shows coming on TV this fall – Goody, goody. Nuts. I've heard of "One" I'm thinking of watching.

I am saddened by the news of losing Chief Workman but also shocked. He was and is worth his 'salt' but he should have been paid for his 'pepper' too. If I read correctly he worked 3 weeks for 2 weeks pay plus on-24-hr call. I feel the people of Vernonia looked a gift horse in the mouth and didn't even say thank you. Yes, a contract is a contract but I don't blame him for looking for better pasture. And – the city is going to pay who, how much for what – just to "look" for someone to do what?



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