

AROUND THE FARM

By Don Coin Walrod



Problems of poor quality water, or perhaps almost no water at all, appear to be about solved for nearly 150 families living in the McNulty area immediately south of St. Helens.

Through the diligent efforts of a small group of interested home-owners of the area, various approaches to the development of a community water system have been studied and a solution arrived at.

An application has been filed and preliminary approval granted for a loan through Farmers Home Administration, an agency of the U.S. department of agriculture, for the people of the area concerned to construct a community water distribution system.

A statement of the situation seems simple, but there were many problems to hurdle. First there was the matter of whether sufficient water could be purchased from the city of St. Helens to cover the estimated needs. Then there were matters of the area to be served, the cost of the program, engineering of the system, rights-of-way and access, and legal matters.

Before any real progress could be made, it was necessary that the group become a corporation so that they have an organized voice and recognized entity. This has been done and the current officials of the McNulty Water Association are Max Lawrence, president; Louis Serafin, vice-president; Noel Marshall, secretary; and Mrs. Mildred Peterson, treasurer. Other board members include Dick Backlund and Jim Smith. Many others have been active in the development of the association.

Engineering services for the association are being handled by Clarence Wagner, and Robert Vagt is giving legal service.

When completed the system will provide water to members in much the same manner as city residents receive their water. Each user will be on a meter and will pay minimum monthly fees plus any overage for water used.

It is possible that bids for the construction of the distribution system could be let within the next ten days to two weeks. This will depend to a good deal upon how rapidly prospective users pay their membership fees in the association. This membership fee amounts to \$100 and goes to make up the ten percent equity that the Farmers Home Administration requires the association to have invested in the system.

One side benefit to the development of this particular system is that it will be large enough to give some added fire protection to householders.

Other areas of the county have community water systems similar to the one being developed for the McNulty area. The largest is the Quincy Water Association which was developed a number of years ago using the loan provisions of the Farmers Home Administration. Plans were under way for the development of a similar association in the Vernonia area about a year ago but the area involved was annexed to the city be-

fore actual construction got under way. Some of the other systems are cooperative but are not formally organized.

There are many areas in Columbia county that currently have inadequate water supplies or water of low quality. In many cases the formation of a community water system can be one of the most effective means of solving this situation. There are no definite limits as to how large or how small such a system must be.

During the latter part of last week Mongkal Harnkla, a young man from Thailand spent a few days with us here in the county. He is an extension worker in his own country, specializing in livestock development.

Mongkal is attending Oregon State University where he is working toward an advanced degree in animal nutrition. At intervals during the summer he is visiting some of the counties of the state to see some of the work being done, especially with beef and dairy cattle, and hogs.

Since we didn't have much advance notice that the young Thai would be visiting here, special schedules couldn't be arranged. However, he seemed particularly interested in seeing the herd classification work being done with the Arbor Rose Brown Swiss herd of Donald Meier, Scappoose.

Although no livestock was involved, the annual picnic of the Columbia County Livestock association was of interest to him, too. Mongkal seemed to get along with our American food well enough, although their diet traditionally includes a great deal of fish and rice, as well as a number of other items not well known to the American palate. Although they have many mosquitoes, he didn't like ours any better than we do. Plenty were on hand to greet picnickers.

While our personal knowledge of Thailand happens to be better than that of most of the South East Asia group, our association of only a few days helped to improve our understanding considerably. It didn't seem to bother our visitor, but upon one occasion we were slightly embarrassed when making introductions, to have one of our citizens ask, "Where's Thailand?"

Bellingham Receives His Solo License

BIRKENFELD — Jim Bellingham, Gary and Lloyd Johnston were flying at Scappoose on Sunday. Jim has his solo license now.

Vick Berg took a load of cattle to the stock yard on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wanstrom, Mrs. Esther Stonefeet, Mrs. Ione Downs and Steve went to the beach on Monday for a couple days.

On Saturday afternoon, the Wanstroms and Hank Robinsons took in the rodeo at Gearhart.

Ed and Walt Berg are working in the ensilage for Wilcoxon and Cahill.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clemens and Debbie spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Gene Larsons. Mr. and Mrs. Bub Redmond were visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Darrell Baker came home from the hospital last Friday evening. She is feeling very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinch spent Sunday afternoon in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parman.

Study Resumed At Med Center

RIVERVIEW — Mrs. Agnes Peachey left Saturday for Portland where she plans to resume and continue the study of medicine at the University of Oregon Medical school. Her two sons are staying at the Bob Borders home and her daughter with her grandmother, Mrs. Grace Peachey, for the present. Her eldest son, John, will continue to live with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Strong.

In observance of Melody Strong's eighth birthday, she, with her mother, Mrs. Carson Strong, and Vickie, spent Friday visiting Mrs. Marilyn Eide and daughters who were vacationing at Seaside.

Mrs. Opal Bechtold, Henry Hudson's mother, and his niece, Hollie Lara, are visiting at the Hudson home.

Monday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Krinick were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thies of Clatskanie. That evening, Mr. and Mrs. Krinick visited her nephew, Melvin Howell at Gales Creek, who had just returned home from a stay at the hospital. On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pullen of Portland visited the Krinicks and on Sunday they took Mrs. Pearl Adams and enjoyed the barbecue at Banks.

Claude Kysers Are Grandparents Of Boy

MIST — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kysers of Forest Grove became the parents of a 6 pound 12 ounce baby girl Saturday afternoon. Local grandparents are the Claude Kysers. Her older brother and sister is staying with their grandparents here in Mist.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cox and Mrs. Martin Hansen were in Astoria Saturday while Mr. Cox had dental work done. They visited relatives while there.

Guests at the Charles Sundlands during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson, Bernard Dowling, Harry Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills. Claire Devine, Cheryl, Ricky and Carla were Sunday visitors at the Shalmon Libel home. That evening Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiley of Clatskanie were guests.

Bill Karr visited the Clarence Kysers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Waddell were in Gearhart Thursday to see about a school bus. Saturday evening, the Waddells were in south Scappoose to attend a past masters meeting.

Bobby Eastman and son Rod from Sacramento, California, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Bert Eastman and his brother Butch from Klamath Falls were Saturday visitors at the Walter Mathews. After visiting and refreshments they were up to the Eastman place to look around. Bobby had spent many summers with his grandparents there.

Saturday evening dinner guests at the Walter Mathews were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Condit and grandson Jerry, visiting from Sacramento, California, Paul Sanders and Mrs. Ida Condit, who has been visiting at the Mathews home for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones and family returned to their home in Pollock Pines, California Wednesday after visiting several weeks with her folks, the Al Schlehubs and sister, Mrs. Bud Hemeon and family.

County Pioneer Picnic Attracts Family Sunday

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Peterson and family of Vancouver visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson, Saturday. Carmen and Cindy Peterson are staying a few days with their grandparents. Sunday they all attended the Columbia County Pioneer picnic which was held at Beaver Valley Grange hall instead of Hudson park as planned, because of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Turner and three children of Spokane, Washington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolff, arriving Tuesday evening and leaving Thursday. They had returned from a trip to Las Vegas and were on their way home.



JOHNNY DESMOND, former big band vocalist with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, will headline an action-packed stage revue at the 1964 Oregon State Fair, September 4-12 in Salem. Desmond, who will appear with an all-star cast of supporting entertainment, is scheduled to perform at each revue during the nine-day run of the Fair.

Desmond Due At Fair Revue

Johnny Desmond, popular recording star and top night club entertainer who skyrocketed to fame from being the featured vocalist in Glenn Miller's band to star of "Your Hit Parade" with Dorothy Collins, will be the headliner in the 1964 Oregon State Fair stage revue September 4-12 in Salem.

Desmond will team with a Kentucky Bluegrass foursome called The Dillards, television personality Pat Woodell, the Hathaway Chimps and an assortment of talented performers who will make up one of the biggest stage revues ever presented at the state fair.

Opening night for the scheduled performances is Friday, September 4 at 7:30. The entire revue scheduled is as follows: Sept. 4-12, revue starts at 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 6-7 only, 2:30 p.m.

Desmond, a native of Detroit, launched his professional career at the age of 11 when he sang on a children's program. Later on, his voice was heard on the "Lone Ranger" and "Green Hornet" radio serials. Still in his teens, Desmond formed a group called "The Bob-O-Links" and was signed up by Bob Crosby.

After his marriage to Ruth Ked-dington, featured vocalist with the Bob-O-Links, the versatile Desmond soloed with the Gene Krupa band, then he enlisted in the air force. He became an overnight hit with the Glenn Miller band and became a favorite of both the GIs and Europeans.

Following his stint in the service, Desmond enjoyed a successful night club tour in the United States and then a six-year stand on the "Don McNeil Breakfast Club."

Recently, Desmond has embarked upon an acting career and will be seen in the forthcoming picture, "China Doll." His record hits include: "C'est Si Bon," "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and "The High and Mighty."

FARM CALENDAR

AUGUST 18
Begin 4-H Clothing & Foods judging, Fairgrounds

AUGUST 19
4-H Demonstration - 9:00 a.m., Fairgrounds

AUGUST 20
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QUESTION: Where does the Department of Employment obtain its labor market information and for what is it used?

ANSWER: The Research and Statistics Division of the Oregon Department of Employment obtains its statistics on local labor markets from employers' reports, job applications, employment records, employers' orders, labor unions, schools and colleges and governmental agencies and also from special studies from time to time in various areas about the state. Users of this information are the Oregon State Employment Service for placement and counseling of workers, employers in determining recruitment methods and plant locations; labor unions in determining apprenticeship policies; schools and colleges in planning vocational programs; government and community agencies including chambers of commerce in developing employment and industrial expansion. One of the major recent uses has been the determination of need for certain occupational training which has become available under the Man-

power Development and Training Act.

QUESTION: Just what are the maximum unemployment insurance benefits in Oregon?

ANSWER: Department of Employment law sets the smallest weekly benefit amount at \$20 and the largest of \$44. If you meet or exceed the basic qualifications of 20 weeks of work in which you earned an average of \$20 per week and you had a total base year wage of \$700 or more, you will receive at least \$20 a week in benefits if you fulfill all other eligibility requirements. Increases in the weekly benefit amount are determined by a percentage (1.25 percent) of your total base year wages for employers covered by unemployment insurance. The total amount you may receive in your benefit year will be either 26 times your weekly amount or one-third of your total base year wages, whichever is the lesser. The maximum amount payable is \$1144.

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