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Abundant Water Supply Forecast By Authorities

Owyhee Snowpack Near Record

Abundant water supplies are the outlook for most of Malheur County this summer according to a report released Tues., at a Water Supply Forecast Meeting held in Vale by Tom George and Howard Vance of the Soil Conservation Service (USDA) co-operating with Oregon State University, Oregon State Engineer and others. Streamflow into Owyhee Reservoir is expected to be second only to the maximum of record received in 1952. The snowpack is above normal throughout the county.

NEAR '52 RECORD

27,500 acre feet compared to the average of 11,800 acre feet.

The snowpack over the Owyhee Watershed is close to the maximum of record that accumulated in 1952. Many low elevation aerial markers are recording the most snow since measurements began in 1958.

The snowpack on the Malheur drainage is less, but is still 150 per cent of average.

Precipitation in Malheur county was above average in February. It was 170 per cent of normal for the November-February winter period according to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Mountain soils are saturated and will absorb less than usual amounts of snowmelt water. On March 1 Warm Springs, Agency Valley and Bully Creek Reservoirs held a combined total of 60,700 acre feet compared to the normal of 137,200 acre feet.

Owyhee Reservoir is about half full and currently contains 358,000 acre feet.

Antelope reservoir storage is above normal. It is storing

Jordan Creek above Lone Tree Creek for the period April-July, 180,000 acre feet, 212% of 1953-67 average; Owyhee Reservoir net inflow, March-July, 1,050,000 acre feet, 285%; Malheur near Drewsey, March-July, 150,000 acre feet, 161%; Malheur, North fork at Beulah, March-July, 100,000 acre feet, 142%.

Statewide, Oregon farmers, ranchers and other water users will have average to above average water supplies this summer. The mountain snowpacks are above normal in all areas of the State. Soil moisture is excellent. Oregon streams will produce near average to far above average amounts of water this summer. Although stored water is currently below average, good streamflow this summer should replenish most of these supplies.

The next report on water supply conditions in Oregon will be issued about April 7, 1969.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

AND THE LION ROARED!



THIS PHOTO TELLS THE STORY of what an unexpected freak windstorm can do to comfortable living quarters. The crumpled mass is the roof, large metal awning, air conditioner, TV antenna, etc., of the Hubert Petersons' trailer house, located on the Third Street road north of Nyssa. It was Wednesday evening, March 5. Peterson was watching television, when suddenly he was startled by a loud hair-raising noise. Upon going outside, this is what he found. Workmen can be seen on top of the trailer home, as they immediately began putting on a temporary roof of black plastic sheeting. Incidentally, the insulation material went too. A large slab of it can be seen resting on top of the circular clothesline. With the storm came a light cover of snow and sleet. From the Buena Vista rural correspondent comes word of damages in that area, southwest of Nyssa, where the wind upset bee board houses, uprooted trees

and caused sheds to collapse. At the Mancel Bishop home, a bolt of lightning struck, apparently hitting a transformer, burning out their telephone, radio, hot water heater and furnace fan. Light bulbs in all rooms were burned out, and in two rooms the bulbs were completely shattered. At the nearby Jay Gibson home, at the same time, fire leaped from an electric clock, onto the piano top and across the living room. Other area residents report power failure from one to two hours. Apparently the storm split as in some areas heavy damage was reported, while nearby residents did not realize strange things were happening. There has also been a report of wall and roof damage to the Roy Holmes' patio-carport in the Oregon Trail community. Local insurance agents report that a number of minor wind damage claims have been submitted. - Journal Photo.

Road Commission Offers No Succor To Counties On Hells Canyon Route

Chamber Secretary Jake Fischer reported on a Five-County group meeting with the highway commission at Salem, Tuesday in an attempt to promote a Hells Canyon route. Others from Malheur county in attendance were County Judge Ellis A. White, Lloyd Russell, Ontario, and Floyd Agurri, Jordan Valley. Other counties represented were Baker, Union, Wallowa and Umatilla.

Fischer said the claims were presented to the highway group in a 20 minute period by Baker County Representative Thomas F. Young and Judge White.

The written statement of Thomas set out three requests; (1) The designation and official recognition of the route to be designated as "Hells Canyon Scenic Corridor". (2) The acceptance and designation of the Succor Creek road in Malheur county as a State Secondary highway and that a survey be made as soon as possible. (3) For improvement of existing highways on the proposed route.

ROUTE OUTLINED

The proposed route would extend from Succor Creek on U. S. 95 North of Jordan Valley through the Succor Creek Canyon area and follow #201 from just south of Adrian to Ontario. Thence on U. S. 80 N. to Baker and East on Highway 86 to Halfway-thence North to Joseph, back to Enterprise, La Grande and Pendleton.

Taylor cited the benefits of cutting out some hazardous routing on the Marsing, Idaho hill making a more direct route north-to-south, and pulling thousands of tourists to Oregon who now follow U. S. 95 on the Idaho side of the line to the Canadian border. He said there would also be a big saving for truckers using the present route.

FUNDING PROPOSAL

Taylor said there were three ways the greater portion of the cost could be secured through the use of federal funds, since practically all the new construction of Succor Creek was on public domain. The three ways were:

- (1) Congressional Appropriated Public land funds as administered by the Bureau of Public Roads.
- (2) Through being classified as a Scenic highway by federal authorities.
- (3) Through the use of 64% funds granted the state by the federal government on state primary highways because of the abundance of public domain lands in Oregon.

Fischer said the estimated cost of the project had jumped from \$12 million a few years ago to \$18 million now, according to figures submitted by the highway commission. He felt that Highway Chairman Glenn Jackson was not interested in the roads of this section of the state but that the efforts would be unbending for the completion of the route in future years.

Nyssa Thunderettes Offer Scholarship

The Nyssa Thunderettes announce they are offering a \$50 scholarship to some NHS senior girl.

The scholarship is based on the applicant's financial needs and leadership qualities. She must have two recommendations from either school officials or a civic leader, not related to the applicant. Applications may be obtained at the guidance office in the high school building and must be submitted by April 4, 1969 to Larry Bosen, NHS guidance counselor. - Susan Kouns, NHS Bulldog reporter.

FUND INCLUSION ASKED

The Fair Board asks for the inclusion of the fund in the budget in the event anticipated receipts are not sufficient to cover costs of improvements to the grandstand and grounds. A pageant with 500 people in the cast is being planned this year in the grandstand area, they said. Admission will also be charged at the fair this year, they reported.

Stach Construction Co. of Grants Pass, Ore., visited the court and said construction of the new Harper Bridge will commence on Monday.

MEET TRAGIC DEATH!

Carbon monoxide caused the death of these two Nyssa youth Saturday night. They are Jo Elaine Strickland, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Strickland and David Evans, 21, son of Mrs. Chester Bowns - all of rural Nyssa.

After an evening out and they had not returned to their homes the parents notified officers and a search was started Sunday morning. Their bodies were discovered about 11:30 A.M. by Dean Sisson, brother-in-law to the Strickland girl and a farmer

MALHEUR HEALTH GROUP ORGANIZED

A meeting of an initiating committee for the new Comprehensive health plan was held March 3 in the court house in Vale. The meeting was under the direction of Dr. A. M. Tanaka, who has been appointed chairman of the initiating group.

Those present were Mrs. Mamuro Wakasuki, Dr. Ken Pfaff, Emil Maag, Mrs. G. Y. Chester, Mrs. Bud Wilkes, Charles J. Smith, and Mrs. Paul Blaylock.

Plans for the formation of an Organization of Malheur County Citizens were made. This organization, which becomes necessary under new Congressional law, is designed to study and assess the health needs of the county and make recommendations for the correction of unmet health needs. Future meetings will be held in which it is hoped the citizens of the communities will become involved.

Dr. Tanaka pointed out that either we organize and set in motion a general health plan to our own liking or it will be done for us through other government agencies and may not fit our own particular needs.

Ontario Industries President Lewis Bean told the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce members, Wednesday noon, of the work that had been attempted there to woo industry.

He is also the local manager for Idaho Power company and said he was by no means an expert of this type work but could tell some of the things he had learned, after eight years on the committee, that might be helpful here.

Among the highlights of his talk were: (1) Have a small group of dedicated people who were enthusiastic, (2) Include on the committee a realtor, utility men, city official and men of finance, (3) Show any potential industry that they were desired in the community, (4) Prepare a worksheet showing the assets of the area, (5) Be careful of any give-away of land that would be scarce in the future, and (6) Where making any major concessions include a performance clause for the industry.

Bean commended leaders in Nyssa on acquiring the tract of land on North Third several years ago and said it would be a big help in the future. Ontario, he said, had very little available land left that belonged to the industrial group and had also used up available cash through improving land and acquiring small industry. Pacific Fruit company and two local wood products companies are located on the industrial plot.

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RESOLUTION PASSES

The county Court also passed a resolution approving of paying part of the expenses for Judge White to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Maag voted against the resolution.

Members of the Malheur County Fair Board approached the court and asked that \$5,000 be included in next year's county budget for capital improvements at the fairgrounds. Attending the meeting was Gordon Capps, Jed Shane, Morgan Beck and E. H. Curley Hauser.

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TVCC Budget Hearing Wednesday, March 19

A budget hearing is set for Treasure Valley Community College Area Education District for Wednesday, March 19 at 8:00 P. M. in the Classroom/Administration building. According to James H. Roberts, Jr., Budget Officer, this is the meeting to attend if you have questions regarding college programs.

Malheur Men Among Honorees At Jaycee Meet

Three young men from Malheur county were among the top contenders at the Oregon Jaycees annual meet last weekend at Albany, Ore., at which the outstanding young men of Oregon were selected.

Dwayne Bennett, Nyssa, recipient of the Nyssa Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer Award was named second place winner in the state OYF Contest. Richard Lee, Ontario OYF winner, tied for third place with Wayne Simmons of Salem.

Nick Eddy, formerly of Vale and winner of the Rainier, Ore. Jaycee Distinguished Service Award, was named one of the top outstanding young men in the state of Oregon. Eddy is principal of the Rainier Elementary School.

John F. Walchli, Hermiston, Ore. was the winner of the state OYF award. Other men named in the outstanding young men contest were Wallace Carson, Jr., Salem; David Greng, Madras, Ore.; George Wingard, Eugene, Ore.; Paul Hanneman, Salem, and Eddy.

FIRM ASKS CHECK ON '68 GAS UNITS TO REMOVE HAZARD

Honeywell, Inc., a Minneapolis gas valve manufacturer, has stated that one type of its line of residential gas valves may fail to operate properly. According to Honeywell these valves were manufactured during a two month period last year and installed on heating equipment sold after July 1st of last year.

Edward Niederer, Jr., Vice President of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, explained that these valves are normally used on gas furnaces, boilers, conversion burners, larger space heaters and overhead unit heaters. Because a hazard could exist if the pilot light were extinguished, Honeywell officials are asking that persons who have purchased a gas fired heating unit since July 1st, 1968, should check their heating unit. If Honeywell manufactured the gas valve, they should contact their heating dealer or Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and arrange for an inspection of the equipment.

New Tax Shift Measure Gains House Approval

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith said recently that Harney and Malheur Counties would receive \$346,000 in direct property tax relief under a measure approved by the House last Wednesday.

The measure would shift welfare costs from the counties to the state, so that property tax dollars would no longer be used to finance welfare.

Smith said that Republican House members endorsed the program "in keeping with our pledge to provide as much property tax relief as possible."

Harney county would receive \$66,000 under the program for the next biennium and Malheur county would receive \$280,000, Smith said.

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DATE	MAX.	MIN.
March 5	48	32
March 6	44	26
March 7	44	31
March 8	42	31
March 9	40	28
March 10	43	25
March 11	46	19
March 12	--	20

.08 inches of precipitation was recorded March 6, 1969.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

DATE	ACRE FEET	ACRE FEET
3/12/69	371,320	Acres Feet
3/12/68	448,000	Acres Feet

PTA PROGRAM SINGING, SEX FOR TONIGHT

Dr. Sam Pobanz of TVCC will be guest speaker at the Nyssa Parent Teacher Association meeting starting at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria tonight (Thursday).

He will show a film "Parents to Child About Sex" and will answer questions from the floor following the showing.

The film has nothing to do with the controversy as to whether sex should or should not be taught in the public schools, according to PTA President Mrs. Owen Froerer. The meeting, as usual, is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The thirty member Treasure Valley Community choir, under the direction of Dr. Pobanz, will furnish the entertainment.



TAKING HONORS AS SCHOOL PATROLMEN FOR THE month of February, 1969 are Nyssa sixth-grade students, Howard Lowe (on left) and Roy Mosqueda. Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Lowe, a student in Mrs. Jan Wilson's classroom and was named Patrolman-of-the-Month by faculty members and the Nyssa Police department. Roy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Mosqueda, he is a pupil in Mrs. Hazel Lane's room and was given honors as Patrol Captain-of-the-Month. They display traveling trophies which are given by the police department together with individual certificates. - Journal Photo.