

Water Festival

May 18, 1946



May 18, 1946 - Part of estimated 8,000 people gathered on the Madras Air Base to herald the coming of irrigation water to the North Unit lands.



May 18, 1946 - After the parade, people traveled in a large caravan of vehicles from the air base to the main lateral canal where they gathered for the pinnacle of the celebration, the release of the first irrigation water into Lateral M-41. The headgates were opened by US Bureau of Reclamation personnel. Water flowed down the lateral to the farm of George Rodman, where it was turned onto his land to illustrate irrigation procedures. Plans call for delivery of water to about 20,000 acres in 1946.



Attendees - Howard W. Turner, Robert W. Sawyer, Governor Earl Snell, Goodrich W. Lineweaver, assistant commissioner US Bureau of Reclamation, J. Lyle Cunningham, Ralph H. Spencer, A. D. Anderson, and members of staff of Radio Station KALE.



Goodrich W. Lineweaver assistant commissioner US Bureau of Reclamation crowns Water Festival Queen Evelyn Kelley as Princess Phyllis Bolter looks on.



Deschutes Tractor & Implement Float



Warm Springs Tribal Members



Homesteader Roy & Cora Luelling



Horse drawn wooden water tank



Water Festival Parade Participants



Parade Participant - Water "1946" Oh Boy



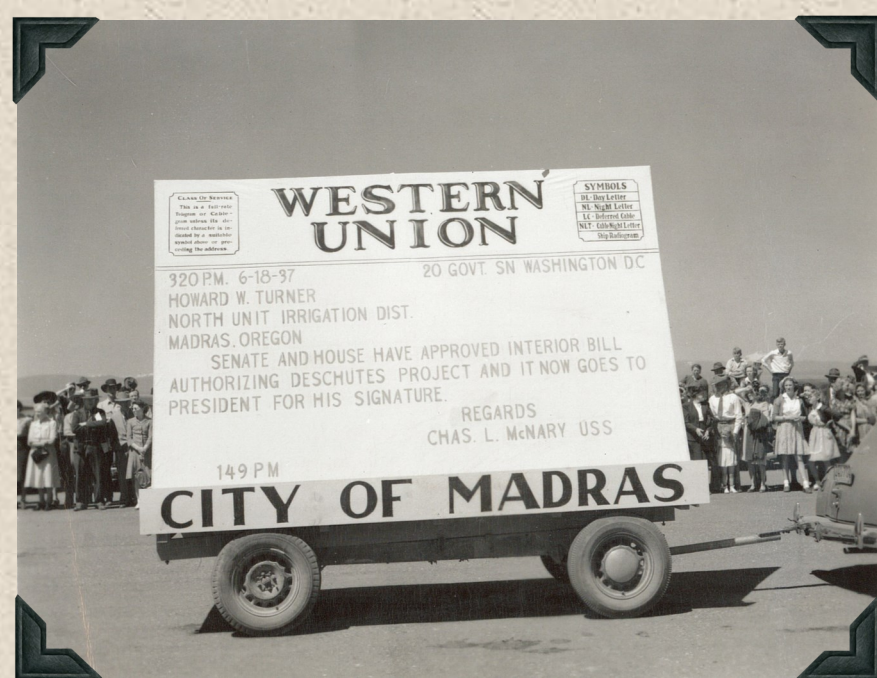
Jeffway Grocery, Madras, OR
"Water Over Somebody's Dead Body—We Dood It."



Jefferson County Co-Op Float



Water Festival Queen's Court Float



Western Union Telegraph - dated June 18, 1937
Senate and House have approved interior bill authorizing Deschutes project.



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