

# RESTORATION OF WATER RIGHTS ON WEBER RIVER IS REQUESTED BY STATE ENGINEER

The following letter from Joseph M. Tracy, state engineer, to Governor J. Bracken Lee concerns a Restoration Proclamation which proposes to restore the right of the pub-

lic to appropriate surplus and unappropriated water from all sources of the Weber River Drainage area. A legal notice concerning this proclamation appears elsewhere in this paper:

## Legion Auxiliary Names Chairmen

First meeting of the Ladies auxiliary to the American Legion Post No. 67, will be held Monday, October 10, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Anna Sommers, president.

Members of the executive committee met recently and named chairmen for the various projects to be considered during the year. Mrs. Grace Dickson is chairman of the legislative and national security committee; Mrs. Helen Nelson has Americanism and community service; child welfare, Pan-American Study and education of orphans of veterans is assigned to Mrs. Catherine Eddington.

The Poppy drive will be under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Johnson and Mrs. LoRaine Wilkinson. Mrs. Daisy Crouch will sponsor the Junior program and music; Mrs. Joye Crouch, Girls' State. Mrs. Edith Peterson is in charge of conventions; Mrs. Betty Green, membership; Thelma Bell, rehabilitation and Mrs. Anna Sommers, publicity.

The officers for the year are: Mrs. Anna Sommers, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, first vice president; Mrs. Barbara Thurston, second vice president; Mrs. Jessie Creager, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Edith Peterson, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Helen Simister, chaplain and Mrs. LoRaine Wilkinson, historian.

## Turner Rites Held Saturday Local Cemetery

Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Ogden for Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Littlefield Turner, 77, who died Tuesday in Nutley, N. J., Tuesday. Burial was in the Morgan cemetery.

She was born Feb. 22, 1878, in Elko, Nev., a daughter of Edwin Albert and Florence Nightingale Leonard Littlefield.

In June of 1898 she was married to William Alfred Turner in Morgan. Mr. Turner was associated with Shupe-Williams Candy Co. for many years before his death in Ogden in 1944.

After Mr. Turner's death, she made her home at Berkeley, Cal., and at Nutley for the past six months. She was a member of the Golden Spike Chapter, DAR, and formerly active in the United Commercial Travelers auxiliary. She was also a member of the LDS church.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Robert E. (Trude) Pierce, Nutley, and Mrs. John C. (Florence) Ryan, Berkeley, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also three brothers survive.

September 19, 1955

Honorable J. Bracken Lee  
Governor of the State of Utah  
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Dear Governor Lee:

Enclosed for your consideration please find a Restoration Proclamation which proposes to restore the right of the public to appropriate surplus and unappropriated water from all sources within the Weber River Drainage Area and from certain named streams along the Wasatch front in Davis and Box Elder Counties in Utah. This Restoration Proclamation and my recommendation thereon are made pursuant to Section 73-6-2, Utah Code Annotated 1953. It is my opinion that the enclosed Restoration Proclamation will serve the best interests of the public; therefore, I recommend that the right of the public to appropriate the waters described therein be restored.

The original withdrawal proclamation suspending the right of the public to appropriate the waters described therein became effective on February 2, 1949. It is my understanding that the purpose of this withdrawal was to restrict further development of the river system by private interests and to prevent nuisance filings until investigation of proposed reclamation projects could be completed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Primarily, the Weber Basin Project was involved. It now appears that the purpose of the withdrawal has been accomplished and the need for suspension no longer exists but rather there is a definite need for restoral.

Under date of September 6, 1955 I received a letter from the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District requesting restoration, and under date of September 10, 1955, I notified the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Utah Water and Power Board of my proposed recommendation in order that all necessary precautions could be taken to acquire and protect the water rights for any proposed state or federal projects.

It appears further that there is a consistent demand from individuals and private enterprises for the right to file on the waters of the Weber River in order to develop the water resources of the area. We believe private enterprise should be encouraged in this regard by restoring the waters of the Weber River to appropriation.

It is for the reasons outlined above that I recommend that the right of the public to appropriate the surplus and unappropriated water from all sources as described in the proclamation be fully restored. Upon approval of this proclamation, kindly return to this office two executed copies of the proclamation in order that the records of this office will be complete.

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed)

Joseph M. Tracy,  
STATE ENGINEER.