

I would like to briefly tell how dry weather has affected my life, as well as many other people in Redfield. Dry weather forced me from the farm to South Dakota State University. During my senior year there, I was in an early afternoon class in soils, when a dust storm struck so intense that all classroom and campus lights were turned on. We could not see campus lights 100 feet away. This is not the only dust storm that I can recall.

Since then, I spent 15 years with the Soil Conservation Service, 12 of those as conservationist of the local soil conservation district. During those 15 years every practice that I encouraged centered around conserving water.

I just stated that in the last 10 years 3 have been near crop failures and certainly the other 7 could have been much more profitable with more water.

The story of my life, then, has almost been a continued battle for more water. We all know too well that this battle will increase as time goes on.

Everyone knows that the prosperity of the Redfield businessman depends upon the crops in the surrounding farm area.

George Washington once said: "The strength of a nation lies very near its soil."

We have the soil—give us the water.

(The resolutions and letters referred to follows:)

THE REDFIELD BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB,
Redfield, S. Dak., April 17, 1967.

OAHE IRRIGATION PROJECT HEARINGS,
Redfield, S. Dak.:

The executive committee of the Redfield Business and Professional Women's Club, having discussed the matter of the Oahe Irrigation Project, hereby resolve to support the said project and hope for its completion at a nearly date.

As citizens of the Oahe Irrigation District, it is our belief that this project would tend to stabilize the economic conditions of this area, provide fuller employment and through greater economic opportunity, keep the younger citizens from leaving our communities for areas with more potential for advancement.

MRS. JOHN WILCOX,
President.

U.S. SENATE FIELD HEARINGS,
OAHE IRRIGATION PROJECT,
Redfield, S. Dak., May 8, 1967.

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed is a Resolution passed by the Redfield City Council to be entered in the record of the U.S. Senate Field Hearings on the Oahe Irrigation Project. This Resolution was passed unanimously by the Redfield City Council at its regular meeting on May 1st, 1967.

May I take this opportunity to indicate our sincere intent in the proposed Oahe Irrigation project.

The citizens of the City of Redfield are and have been supporting the proposed Oahe Irrigation project with great enthusiasm. We all feel that irrigation of the James River Valley has a great amount of merit and will enable the State of South Dakota to develop its potential and give South Dakota and its citizens a future in this great country.

Yours very truly,

A. B. GILBERTSON,
Mayor.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF REDFIELD, S. DAK.

Whereas, The U.S. Senate is holding field hearings at Redfield, South Dakota on the proposed Oahe Irrigation Project on May 8, 1967, and

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Redfield believes that the development of the Oahe Irrigation Project is in the best interest of the City of Redfield and State of South Dakota, and,