

some problems and difficulties, the general consensus is that on balance it has been a gain over the former system. They have wanted adjustments, but not termination of the project.

But, we will, of course, take into consideration any experience that we have had in South Dakota or elsewhere to the contrary.

I am sure that information will be to be made available to the committee.

Mr. McNENNY. I was down in the Angostura area about a week ago and I found that was the biggest complaint they had; that the places were too small. There are 120 acre and 150 acre places where nobody was living and they have tried to lease the land to someone else, now.

Senator BURDICK. We have used in some of our projects the formula of 160 acres. You might have a different class of land. We haven't done that in a few projects, but we have never departed from the concept because it requires a major revision of all the projects.

Mr. McNENNY. It is something, though, I think is outdated in this day because we find we have to go to bigger farms on dryland farming. I don't want you to find that I am against irrigation 100 percent, because I am not and I am doing it myself, but the cost is something that should be gone into thoroughly, too, because it can become a problem.

Senator McGOVERN. I agree with that and I think they are good observations and ones that ought to be taken into consideration.

Mr. McNENNY. Thank you very much.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you.

Mr. E. L. Schultz is next.

STATEMENT OF E. L. SCHULTZ, REDFIELD, S. DAK.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Mr. McGovern and Senator Burdick. I believe the last time I had dinner with you was about 6 years ago when we were working on the centennial, and I wanted to just kind of review a little bit.

I am E. L. Schultz, from Redfield, S. Dak. About 25 years ago we heard Sloan talk about building this Oahe Dam and he said by the time it was completed you would have a channel all the way to Spink County and off in this neck of the woods, and, of course, it hadn't developed that way, but the dream is developing.

About 22 years ago I was appointed from this area because of this possible large area to be irrigated, as a member of the irrigable farmers committee. There was one from each of the 13 States including South Dakota, and so I did attend the meeting at Salt Lake City and out on the west coast and learned a great deal about it and served on this for 1 year.

I did go to the Belle Fourche area to develop a little knowledge of irrigation because I was quite dumb about it. But I just comment on that and I thought I would tell you about it.

I started farming, of course, when I was 17 years old. My father died and, of course, we have done very little irrigation. My brothers irrigated for about 12 years.

I want to say this, that it has been a great privilege to listen in on this, and I am in the insurance business now, and live in town and still