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CONSERVATION BOARD CONFERS ON NEW PLANS

Delegations for 37 Counties in East Montana Tell of Irrigation Needs.

AYERS SPEAKS TO GATHERING

J. D. Scanlan of Miles City, E. G. Leipheimer, Butte, Rockwood Brown Give Talks.

(By Staff Correspondent)

MILES CITY, July 24.—A fertile land of plenty made possible by the plans realm of nature, Montana through the proper conservation of water and utilization of land was visioned Saturday by private citizens state, federal and county officials who gathered here for the first observance of a Montana State Water Conservation day celebration.

Delegations from 37 eastern Montana counties conferred with members of the state water conservation board and with officials of federal relief agencies, in an informal discussion of their needs and plans for the conservation of water and the development of permanent land irrigation projects in the future.

Although originally proposed as a celebration in honor of the start of work on the Yellowtail dam project, a $4,000,000 undertaking at Custer county, and the allotting of funds to the Buffalo Rapids project at Glendive, Miles City and Glendale, the interest in the affair was so great that it became rather a mass-mid celebration.

Band, drum and bugle corps including the Forsyth High band of Billings, played on the streets during the morning to entertain the crowds of visitors.

Gov. Roy E. Ayers presided over a session of the water conservation board Saturday morning at which representatives of the various projects explained their plans of state action desired and the benefits which would accrue from a properly developed water program.

Related communities, it was pointed out, should be given the advantages of home projects so that they might profit from the labor created, as communities and the value of the water conservation.

For instance, Carl Gilan, Forsyth, secretary of the Southeastern Montana Irrigated association, pointed out that if Rosebud county could be rehabilitated by water conservation and irrigation during the next five years, corn would be forced down and seed loans.

Nearly all of the representatives agreed that what is needed, that title work should be of a permanent nature and that water conservation, previously in the primary need of the region, "for only would it assure us of sufficient water to produce good crops, but it would stabilize the livestock industry," the various speakers declared.

"Water conservation undoubtedly is one of the most important problems the state of Montana has, but there is more to it than the building of dams and ditches," Governor Ayers declared in one of the principal speeches at the main program delivered afternoon.

"To me," he said, "the most important thing in the proper utiliza-

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