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Water firm 'red tape' ceremonially cut

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The last piece of red tape involving the Ross County Water Co. rural water system project was cut Saturday.

Actually, it was a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, performed by Congressman William H. Harsha, during the water company's open house and dedication program at its Infirmery Lane treatment plant.

Probate and Juvenile Judge Gerald E. Reddiffe, master of ceremonies for the program, likened the ribbon-cutting to cutting the last of the project's red tape. Red tape was a significant factor in the timing of the development of the federally-financed project, which was started five years ago.

Rep. Harsha, in his remarks before the ribbon-cutting, said that many many federal programs become "a bureaucratic mess of chaos" and do not meet the expectations of the people.

The Farmer's Home Administration program which made the development of the rural water system possible is an exception, he said. "When we have a program that meets our expectations, we like to point to it with pleasure," he said.

The Sixth District Congressman said in his brief, non-political dedication talk that federal-local cooperation has made the program successful, and that the Sixth District has taken the leadership in Ohio in utilizing such programs to develop water and sewer in rural areas.

He told the 80-100 persons attending the program "We have a challenge to make Ohio great — not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us."

Alan Turnbull, FHA community program specialist, Lloyd Overly, water company president, and Gerald F. Hendricks, president of Sisco — Inc., the water company's consulting engineering firm, also spoke during the program.

Turnbull said the rural system provides urban amenities to the area, and will slow out-migration. He said many have compared the impact of the development of rural water and sewer systems to that of the REA when it brought electrical power to rural areas.

Overly said the system will be dedicated to the people who gave their time, efforts and perseverance to the project to make it possible.

"In the 20th century, we have seen more things happen for the betterment of society and human rights than in all previous centuries," Overly said. "This project is a good example of the 20th century and of Americanism."

Hendricks said the system, in addition to the obvious benefits, will bring spinoff benefits, such as energy conservation, because of the number of individual water pumps the system replaces.

Several county officials, the mayor of Chillicothe and representatives from the Highland County and Delaware County rural water systems were among those attending the program.

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