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Willow Creek Flood Control Rests on House Calendar

Is Included in Omnibus Bill; Pierce Believes Chances Good

That the matter of flood control on Willow creek is not dead was the good news received this week by P. W. Mahoney from Walter M. Pierce, eastern Oregon congressman. In answer to Mr. Mahoney's query as to the status of legislation asking for an appropriation with which to make a preliminary survey of the project, Mr. Pierce wrote:

"Willow creek is included in the omnibus bill for flood control which has been reported out by the committee and is now on the House calendar. I expect it will pass. It is my bill, and naturally I am watching it with a good deal of care."

The bill recommends an appropriation of \$5000 for the purpose of making a detailed survey of Willow and Rhea creeks with a view to future control of floods. It was drawn after recommendation for such an amount by the board of army engineers on a review of a preliminary survey made under the direction of the district army engineer. The review of the preliminary survey found that measures of flood control by construction of reservoirs seemed feasible, and that there appeared possibility of utilizing stored water for irrigation purposes.

One of the irrefutable arguments for flood control measures on these creeks is the recollection of the Heppner flood of June 14, 1903, which took a toll of 221 lives besides thousands of dollars in property damage, local people believe.

Mr. Mahoney has acted as chairman of a local citizens' committee to work in the interests of flood control work, and assisted in lobbying for a measure before the last legislature which provides for voluntary organization of flood control districts. Such procedure may be taken if and when the detailed survey is made, so that the proper set-up will be had to provide sites for and guarantee maintenance of dams. The survey and district organization should be completed before the next session of congress so that the way will be clear to put through the appropriation for actual construction of the dams. Congressional authority already exists for expending federal monies for such purpose.

Lightning Sets Fires in Forest; Danger Rises

Three lightning-set fires were reported in the local forest district last week end in an electrical storm which gave the forest regions of Oregon and Washington their first large bitter taste of the devil-tongued demon this season. All fires in the local district were put under control quickly, and all conflagrations outside were reported under control the first of the week.

Fire danger in the forest is increasing daily with present warm weather, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge of the local district. While the higher regions are still quite green, too much precaution cannot be taken by those entering the forest and whole-hearted public cooperation may result in averting any major catastrophe.

In this issue appears a closing order from Governor Martin for some districts included in the local forest protective area, to which Mr. Wehmeyer directs special attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore arrived in Heppner yesterday from Montana where Mr. Moore was with the Bub Clark shearing outfit through the shearing season. Winding up at Helena, they took a motor trip through Glacier national park before returning home.

REMOTE CONTROL FOR PHONES READY

Lexington Calls to be Cleared Through Heppner Exchange Beginning Next Thursday

Installation of the new telephone switchboard for Lexington telephone customers will be completed within the next few days, and will be placed in service Thursday, July 29, according to J. R. Farrington, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

With the placing in service of the new equipment, Lexington telephone users will be given full-time, 24 hours a day, telephone service.

The new Lexington switchboard, one of the few of its kind on the Pacific coast, is technically known as an R. C. X. (remote control exchange) and is connected with the Heppner exchange.

Lexington city customers in making calls will hear the Heppner operator answer when they remove their receivers, and will give the telephone number desired to her, and the operator will complete the call to the called party. Lexington farmer line customers will ring twice to get the Heppner operator, and then will place their calls with her.

Mrs. Bertha Hunt, agency manager at Lexington, will become payment agent, and will handle collections of bills as in the past. Lexington customers in wanting telephone installations, or having business other than payment of bills with the telephone company, will deal with the Heppner office.

No change is being made in the personnel of the Heppner telephone office, nor will there be any change in the telephone service of Heppner customers.

County Agent Asks Farmer Cooperation

The county agent's office is equipped to give farm operators service in supplying employment needs, said Joseph Belanger this morning, but to make the service effective better cooperation is needed.

He advises farm operators to let the office know of employment needs as far ahead of time is filled, and when a position is filled to notify the office so that it may be taken off the active list. The office so far has placed all applicants, but there appear to be more applicants than jobs to date, he said.

NOTICE

Change of Time

Bible School 9 A. M.
Morning Worship 10 a. m.
Methodist Episcopal Church

Kinzua Signed To Play Heppner At Rodeo Time

Condon Beaten, 13-5; Has-Beens to Play Kids Next Sunday

Another Rodeo feature was placed on the calendar this week when arrangements were made for Heppner and Kinzua to play ball one morning of the three days, August 26-27-28, probably on Saturday, the 28th.

Fred Hoskin's boys added to their formidable record for the fray, Sunday, when they defeated Condon on the Rhea creek grounds, 13-5. Len Gilman pitched invincible ball for the locals, and to give the batters a little better break, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., was sent to the mound in Len's stead. He, too, was "hot," and kept the visiting batsmen well in hand.

Kinzua has been hanging up plenty of scalps on its own account, however, and the mil hands will give lots of competition in the Rodeo game, Fred promises.

The local manager has slated games with Blalock and Condon, the first to be played at Arlington, August 4, and the other at Condon on the 11th.

Just for fun, Fred has asked all old-timers to turn out at Rhea creek next Sunday and attempt to give the kids a trouncing. There's a dandy, shady picnic ground close at hand, with plenty of good water, affording everybody an opportunity to make a day of it. All old-timers, himself included, will be given opportunity to show, Fred said, and all who get there will have a lot of fun.

VISITS BOYHOOD FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Pavid and son Michel, and Mrs. Pavid's father, N. D. Couberly, all of Sacramento, Cal., are visiting in the county at the home of Mr. Pavid's cousin, Mrs. Omar Rietmann, near Ione, and Mr. Pavid was in Heppner this morning calling on old-time friends. He lived in Heppner as a boy and was graduated from Heppner high school in 1911, leaving here that summer. He is now professor of French at Sacramento Junior college, which position he has held for ten years. Coming north they stopped at Redmond to visit another cousin of Mr. Pavid's, Elise Freeland Maris, and children, and while there Mr. Pavid ran across an old Heppner schoolmate, Ray Rogers, with whom he enjoyed a chat on old times. On their return they will visit relatives of Mrs. Pavid's at Twin Falls, Idaho, returning home through Nevada.

PEGGY KILKENNY LEADS QUEEN RACE

Lena Contestant Backed Heavily at Home Dance, First of Series to Name Rodeo Ruler

Miss Peggy Kilkenny, attractive Irish colleen, took a substantial lead in voting for queen of the 1937 Heppner Rodeo, at the kick-off dance in the hall of her grange sponsor at Lena Saturday night. The vote:

Miss Peggy Kilkenny, Lena, 6200.
Miss Betty Bergevin, Ione, 3000.
Miss Marjorie Parker, Rhea Creek, 1500.
Miss Bernice Martin, Lexington, 1200.

More than 200 couples attended the opening dance, evidencing the popular enthusiasm for one of the highlights of the county's social calendar of the entire year.

Pictures of the charming candidates appear on this page. The one having the highest number of votes at the close of voting with the final dance of the series at Heppner, August 14, will be queen, and the others will be her attendants at the Rodeo, August 26-27-28.

A home dance for each contestant under direction of the sponsoring grange is included in the series. The second dance will be held at Lexington next Saturday night. The Rhea Creek dance will follow on Saturday, July 31, with the Willows dance on Saturday, August 7, and the finale dance at Heppner, Saturday, August 14.

Voting is by tickets, good for 100 votes each, one of which is issued with each admission at each dance.

North End Power District Gets Funds

Umatilla Electric Cooperative association of Hermiston has been allotted and made loan contract for \$129,000 by the Rural Electrification administration. The operation contemplates building 120 miles of distribution lines with 492 customers in the north end of Morrow and west Umatilla counties, according to a progress bulletin received this week.

REA has approved the First National Bank of Hermiston as depository for the funds which will be made available to the project sponsors. Plans and specifications should be submitted to REA in the immediate future. When they are approved, the project can be released for bids. Adherence to the REA normal progress schedule will enable those farmers in the district to begin using electricity before the end of the year, the report states.

C. A. Minor of Mt. Vernon and daughter, Mrs. Phil Brady of Mitchell, were business visitors in the city for a few hours Tuesday.

Bids for Street Surfacing Will be Opened August 9

Reservoir Repair, Fixing Lot for Parking Before Council

Bids for Heppner's street surfacing project will be opened August 9, according to advertisement appearing in another column. Authorization for the advertisement was given by the council Monday evening after a final review of the plans and specifications with Frank Hayes, Pendleton engineer.

At Monday evening's session, also, it was decided to try out a weed-burning machine for clearing streets and vacant lots of the annual weed fire menace; to advertise for bids for repairing the old reservoir on the hill above the reservoir now in use, and to investigate the matter of fixing up the vacant lot next to the Masonic building on Main street for car parking, with consent of the owners.

The street surfacing specifications call for commencement of work within fifteen days after signing of contract, and it is expected to have the work pushed as fast as possible. It is estimated that six weeks should be sufficient time to complete the work.

Specifications call for laying bituminous oil and rock surfacing. The existing base will be rolled and leveled, and covered with two applications of rock and oil, with seal coating on each application. The completed oil and rock mat will be 1 1/8 and 5-8 inches thick. Coarse gravel will be used in each first application, rolled, covered with oil and finer rock top dressing, then rolled again.

The width of the surfacing will vary with width of streets, being as wide as thirty feet on the wider streets. The unrolled portion of streets will be leveled and brought to grade with the oiled surfacing and covered with unrolled macadam. Oiled surfacing will be placed only to bottom of hill on cross streets leading up hills, with hill portion of streets rock macadamized only. Riverside Ave. will also be covered with rock macadam to stock yards.

Streets to be oil surfaced are: May from Gale to Main, all of Gale, Willow from Gale to Main and from Main to Chase, Center from foot of hill to Main and Main to Chase, Baltimore from foot of hill to Main, all of Church, all of Jones, Water from foot of hill to Gale, all of K, Elder from K to D, D from Elder to

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Contestants for Queen of the 1937 Heppner Rodeo



Miss Betty Bergevin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin, Willows grange nominee.



Miss Peggy Kilkenny, daughter of Mrs. Frank Kilkenny of Butter creek, Lena grange nominee.



Miss Bernice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Martin of Lexington, Lexington grange nominee.



Miss Marjorie Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker of Heppner Flat, Rhea Creek grange nominee.