

EDITORIAL



Progress On Flood Control Dam

Heretofore there has been little notice given the Heppner flood control dam in official circles but there is evidence that the project is gaining some attention in places where it will be effective.

Outlining the needs for flood control projects throughout his district, the congressman called definite attention to the Heppner flood of 1903 which took a toll of more than 200 lives.

The Heppner flood control dam is one of the larger minor projects included in the Columbia Basin development program. Its cost, if carried out according to the plans of the engineers, would involve expenditure of approximately five and one-half million dollars.

Thus it is seen that such a project is desirable not only from the standpoint of security to life and property but for the development of the valley below Heppner as well.

One of the reasons for the lack of interest in higher circles has been the passive interest manifested locally. This may have been due to the

fact that our people thought it would be a good thing but have labored under the impression that "it won't happen here" and in many instances have not given it a second thought.

Due to the ever present danger from flash storm floods, a danger that in the past has cost hundreds of lives and incalculable property damage, the Heppner flood control dam should be among the first projects taken up in the Columbia Basin development program.

Commencement

This is commencement week. By the time this newspaper gets in the mails some of the classes will have received their diplomas and the young people will be facing a different world to that they have known the past twelve years.

The young people have the respect of their communities for remaining in school to the end. The ideal situation would be for all of them to continue their schooling and receive their college diplomas for this is a competitive era and those who would remain in the race, to say nothing of reaching the top, must have special preparation.

30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times, May 29 1919

R. L. Bengt and family will leave Heppner Sunday for Willamette valley points and the coast. They expect to go to California later and may spend the winter there.

Heppner high school awarded diplomas to the largest class in its history when 22 young people graduated last Friday evening.

A 9 1/2 pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bleakman of Hardman on May 24.

Henry Schwarz has been over from his newly acquired ranch in the Hamilton country this week.

P. M. Garrigues, who has large interests in Heppner came up

from Portland last week to attend to business affairs. Mr. Garrigues is contemplating some improvements to his property on Main street.

If you fail to go to the polls and vote June 3 you are not a loyal citizen.

A slight blaze was started in a room on the second floor of the Ashbaugh building on Main street. The fire was extinguished at once. It had apparently been caused by a cigarette stub.

Meetings of the Morrow County Farm Bureau will be resumed in the agricultural agent's office with County Agent L. A. Hunt to discuss matters of interest to farmers of the county.

Adam Knoblock is confined at the Heppner Sanatorium at present suffering an attack of pneumonia.

Hector McPherson, ex-state representative and former professor of political science at Oregon State college, is conferring with political leaders about starting a recall of Newbery and Pearson.

Governor McKay says, "It is a closed incident as far as I am concerned," but it does not follow that his friends will take the same view as both McKay and Newbery are potential candidates for the republican nomination for governor in 1950.

HIGHWAY DAMAGE SWELLS Last winter's damage to Oregon highways is one-half million dollars more than the first estimate. The present computation by state highway engineers is \$2,580,000. About 1800 miles of highway were damaged. This is about 25 percent of the state's mileage.

The highway commission has authorized the use of \$1,671,000 of special maintenance funds for repairs. Much of the repair work will improve the roads to a better condition than they were before the severe winter.

Log hauling on Saturday afternoon has been prohibited from now to September 15. A 35-25 mile an hour speed limit has been set in the Detroit damsite area and "no parking" signs have been placed along roadsides

FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL GUTTED

Fire destroyed the interior of Fairview state hospital at Salem late Wednesday. The lives of all of the 25 mentally defective patients were saved by hospital attendants, department heads and the more capable of the wards.

The building was one of 14 on the state grounds. Financial damage is estimated to be \$200,000 for the building and replacement cost of \$50,000 for about half the equipment that cannot be salvaged. The building was insured by the state reforestation fund.

COOS BAY "CAPITAL"

Last week Coos Bay was the acting "capital" of the state. Senate President William E. Walsh "moved" the capital to his home town where he spent the week with little state business to distract him. Governor Douglas McKay was attending a congressional hearing in Washington, D. C., on the Columbia river basin development. The governor flew back, arriving in Salem Saturday evening. He reported the outlook as favorable to the army engineers' plans for the development. "Nearly all testimony," the governor said, "was favorable to the \$1,600,000,000 program"

STATE PAYROLLS UP

Figures on Oregon's covered payrolls for the month of April, just released by the state industrial accident commission, aggregate \$8,254,896, as against \$45,222,108 for March of this year and \$24,611,161 for April 1948.

NEW GAS TAX JULY 2

An Oregon General George Neuner has just ruled that the increased tax on gasoline will apply to all fuel "sold, used, distributed or withdrawn on or after July 2." The 1949 legislature increased the tax on gasoline and diesel from 5 cents to 6 cents a gallon. The tax on diesel does not take effect until July 16.

FISHING LAW HELD UP

A preliminary injunction prohibiting enforcement of the ban on fixed-gear salmon fishing in the Columbia river was granted this week by a Marion county court. Plaintiffs contend the law passed by the people last November is unconstitutional.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Lefty Finds A New "Toy"

Louise Hunt Bride Of Vernon Peebler In Sunday Wedding

The First Methodist church in La Grande was the scene of a lovely wedding at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 22, when Miss Louise Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt of Lexington, became the bride of Mr. Vernon Peebler, son of Mr. Walter Peebler of La Grande. The Reverend Henry J. Gernhardt officiated at the double ring service. The vows were exchanged before an altar decorated with white lilies and bridal wreath spirals.

Preceding the ceremony Frank D. Ellis of Milton sang "Because" and during the ceremony, "The Lord's Prayer." He was accompanied by Walfrid Erickson of La Grande who also played the wedding music.

White candles in the tall candelabra were lighted by Shirley and Donald Hunt of Lexington, cousins of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was beautiful in a gown of traditional white satin, and she wore a fingertip veil. Her bouquet was white gardenias and yellow roses. Her maid of honor was Miss Beth Elen Harris of La Grande.

Bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Miller, Boardman and Miss Auden Alsop, Warmie. All wore yellow dotted Swiss and carried nosegays of sweet peas, and wore sweet peas in their hair.

Keith Hallmark, La Grande was best man. Ushers were Leal and Lee Graham.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the church. Pictures were taken of the bride and groom cutting the first piece of the four-tiered white cake which was decorated with yellow roses. Mrs. Harry Duval, Heppner, continued with the cutting.

Pouring were Mrs. Otto Ruhl, Lexington, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Jack Griffith, La Grande, aunt of the groom. Serving were Janet Radar, Lyla Hill, Patricia Hatmaker and Roberta Miller. In charge of gifts were Lois Rasmussen and Dona Carver; guest book, Mrs. Frank D. Ellis.

For her going away suit the bride chose rose wool with white and navy accessories. They left immediately after the wedding for a week's honeymoon and on their return will live in La Grande.

Mrs. Peebler is a graduate of the Lexington high school and

has attended Eastern Oregon College of Education the past two years. Mr. Peebler graduated at La Grande high school and since returning from two years service in the United States air force has been engaged in farming near La Grande.

VACANCY TO BE FILLED AT MILITARY ACADEMY

Congressman Lowell Stockman of the second district of Oregon will have two vacancies at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York for the class beginning July 1, 1950. He will also have one vacancy for the same at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Applicants for these vacancies must be residents of the second district of Oregon.

He will have competitive examinations conducted by the civil service commission on Monday, July 11, 1949, to aid in the selection of the nominees for both academies.

Candidates for the military academy must be between the ages of 17 and 22 years at the date of admission, July 1, 1950.

Candidates for the naval academy must be not less than 17 years of age nor more than 21 years of age on April 1 of the calendar year 1950 in which they enter the naval academy.

These age requirements are statutory and cannot be waived except in cases of candidates who have served honorably for not less than one year in any of the armed forces of the United States during World War II.

In such cases, a candidate may enter the military academy provided he has not passed his 24th birthday on the first of July in the year which he would enter the military academy, and he can enter the naval academy if he is not more than 23 years of age on April 1 of the calendar year in which he enters that academy.

Applicants must be unmarried, should be high school seniors, or graduates of high school, or college students, and in perfect physical condition.

All boys who are interested and qualified should write immediately to Congressman Lowell Stockman, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., so that they may receive additional information and be admitted to the examination.

Among those from out-of-town here Sunday for the funeral of the late W. H. Cleveland were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kay and Mrs. C. L. Sweek of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb Jr. of Walla Walla.

Mrs. Richard Hayes and daughters of Arlington were here the first of the week to visit with her mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson.



Washington, D. C. — President Truman, who proclaims against filibusters in our nation's Halls of Congress, is himself believed by Capitol Hill observers to have engaged in a bit of filibustering against two vitally important pieces of legislation until forced, by public opinion, to suddenly change his position.

In his State of the Union message last January 17, the Chief Executive urged Congress to enact legislation authorizing him to reorganize the executive branch of the government.

The House of Representatives lost no time by passing back in early February a measure by a vote of 356 to 9, giving Mr. Truman most of the power he requested.

Another bill, providing not quite the leeway found in the House measure, was introduced simultaneously in the Senate.

Both were authored by Democratic administration stalwarts—the House bill by Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois, and the Senate version by Senator John L. McClelland of Arkansas.

G.O.P. GIVES ALL-OUT SUPPORT

Republicans in the House, as the 356-9 vote indicates, gave all-out support to the bill on that side. Republican senators are equally anxious to see our bloated government reorganized into a higher degree of efficiency at a cost within taxpayers' limits.

Then followed reports of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, appointed earlier by Mr. Truman to study the whole problem under the direction of former President Herbert Hoover.

The Hoover report contained blue-prints for reorganization which would lead to greater efficiency, fewer bureaus and agencies, less overlapping and save the taxpayers about \$3 billion a year.

Since the Hoover report was made public, there has been no rush in the Senate to concur in

the House measure, which is still pigeonholed in the Democrat-controlled Senate committee, or to enact the Senate bill, reported out of committee nearly six weeks ago

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Both measures provide that the president's governmental reorganizational plan automatically becomes effective 60 days after submission by the President unless disapproved by the Congress within the 60-day period.

With little more than 60 days remaining before the statutory deadline for adjournment on July 31, Capitol observers had begun talking about what they discerned to be a bit of sleight of hand on the part of the White House to put a log-jammed Senate "on the spot" of being forced to act hastily on reorganization plans and thus accept considerably less than the Hoover report or get nothing at all.

But, when the weight of public opinion began to be felt around town, Mr. Truman sent up a message to Congress asking that action be taken to authorize him to submit reorganization plans in final form for Congressional approval. Many observers believe that the president secretly had hoped to delay any measure to reduce government payrolls in advance of the Congressional elections in 1950.

Mrs. Roy Robinson of Lonerock spent Saturday in Heppner looking after business matters and visiting friends.

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Advertisement for Capital Parade by Murray Wade, featuring a starburst graphic.

POLITICAL POTPOURRI

The split in republican party ranks, that politicians knew must open up, came sooner than expected.

At last Monday's meeting of the board of control at the capitol, the McKay-Newbery ruckus blurred all over the place and became statewide topic news when Secretary of State Newbery joined State Treasurer Pearson, and against the spirited protest of Governor Douglas McKay, ousted Tax Commissioners Earl Fisher and Wallace Wharton.

No political incident in years has caused as much sarcastic criticism in the press and aroused more letter writing to the capitol. State Senator Frank Hilton has written Governor McKay asserting that the governor could block the appointments through a section of state law that says, "Each commissioner shall be skilled and experts in matters of taxation."

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