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John Day Dam—The Wrong Place for Flood Control

Our next-door newspaper neighbor, The East Oregonian, commented editorially recently that the new president of the Portland chamber of commerce has urged a speed up of planning for John Day dam and proposes that it be the next big Columbia river project to be started.

The EO's editor, Bud Forrester, went along with the Portland suggestion—up to a point. Of course, Portland is mighty interested in the power that will come from this big project, but he went on to say that there seemed to be another, possibly more selfish, reason behind the suggestion. They would like to see the John Day dam built as a multi-purpose dam, 292 feet high, one that would in addition to generating power, give some measure of flood control.

We certainly don't argue the point that flood control is a vital necessity, but we do question the advisability of getting it at John Day, as did the East Oregonian.

For one thing, hearings have shown that residents of the river area affected by the backwater from this dam are definitely opposed to the high dam because it would drown out too much valuable land. As an example, if the high dam were built it would effect river-side residents as far upstream as Irrigon, and the town of Boardman would be completely drowned out. Arlington residents too, would get their feet much wetter from the 292 foot dam than they would with the other one. The additional 40 feet of height on the dam would serve only the purpose of flood control, yet would make the entire project the most costly on the river.

We ,too, think the John Day dam should be one of the next on the agenda, but we don't believe that flood contol should be a part of it. It is not wise planning to try to control floods this far down the river especially when they can be more easily and cheaply controlled by dam construction further up the various streams running in to the Columbia. Not only this, but the up-stream dams will serve another very vital purpose in that they will act as regulating dams by impounding water during periods of heavy runnoff and releasing it when the stream flow is low, so that the average flow at the lower dams is more even with a consequent leveling out of the power shortage periods which now come due to low water.

Possibly we, too are selfish when we think of saving as many of our good acres in north Morrow county as we can, but we don't believe that it is vitally necessary to any long range planning for river development, tha twe lose them to flood control drowning. The army engineers, in their original plan to build a 255 foot dam at John Day felt the same way.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Recent word from the Tillamook Dairy Herd Improvement Association indicate that they will be able to fill many orders for heifer calves this spring. Jerseys and Guernseys can be shipped at once. They will continue to ship during the spring freshening period which will end about May 30.

Starting February 1, a new plan for Tillamook dairy calves goes into effect. This will be a grading system of superior, which will be heifers from a dam producing from 425 to 500 pounds and above of butterfat on 305 day record, and standard, which are calves from dam with production records from 350 pounds to 425 pounds of butterfat on 305 day record The superior grade calves will cost $39.75, the standard grade, $27.75, F. O. B. Tillamook.

This is an excellent opportunity to get a heifer calf to raise to replace that farm milk cow that is getting old.

January and fore-February are good clean-up months in the home garden and home orchard. It is the time to cut out old diseased wood and spraying for control of diseases that overwinter on such dead growth of fruit trees, roses and some other shrubs.

Winter sprays of Bordeaux Mixture or lime sulphur are applied for control of such rose diseases as mildew, black-spot, limb canker, blight and dieback. Bordeaux Mixture for spraying roses is prepared at the rote of 6 ounces of copper sulphate, 6 ounces of lime, each Mixed separately in a small quantity of water and then added to a three-gallon hand sprayer filled to capacity.

Lime sulphur for roses is applied at the rate of 3 pints of concentrated liquid lime sulphur in a three-gallon hand sprayer. For a general clean-up spray for fruit trees it should be mixed at the rate of one-half gallon of concentrated liquid for each five gallons of water.

Bordeaux is a protectant type spray and live sulphur a clean-up spray, which will burn off patches of mildew and shallow lesions or stem cankers. Lime sulphur spray should not come in contact with white paint on walls or trellises as it will turn such paint black.

Winter sprays of Bordeaux Mixture or lime sulphur are also used for control of peach leaf curl. This is a fungus disease in which, during the early summer, the leaves of unsprayed trees take on a reddish-yellow color and have a crisp, distorted texture. Such distorted, blister-like foliage drops and a second crop of leaves appear later in the summer, a process which seriously weakens the tree. The recommendation for peach leaf curl is Bordeaux at the same concentration as for roses (6 ounces copper sulphate, 6 ounces lime to three gallons of water) or lime sulphur, 3 pints concentrated liquid in three gallons of water. A peach leaf curl spray is essential for control of this disease with the application being made before buds swell in the early spring.

With several new breeders of farm flocks of sheep, it might be well to review some pointers on care and management. They may even be useful to experienced operators. Successful sheep operators plan to save as many lambs as possible. One hundred percent lambing or better is needed for a successful sheep operation. Some of the points followed by successful sheep operators are to give close attention to the lambing flock at that time. Some ewes will need help in lambing.

Clean dry quarters are helpful at lambing time to assist in controlling infectious difficulties.

Disinfect navels with tincture of iodine as soon as possible after lambs are dropped.

Watch ewes and lambs carefully for any unusual conditions affecting them.

All lambs intended for market should be docked early. Ram lambs for market should be castrated. This job should be done carefully using proper disinfectants in treating the castration and docking wounds. Lambs that are not castrated and docked are likely to receive a reduced price on the market.

Feed the ewes on milk-producing feeds from the time lamb is dropped until grass starts. Such feeds as good legume hays or grain hays are used, a supplemental feed should be given in the form of grain or grain with some protein cube feeds.

If ewes are not supplying sufficient milk to keep the lamb in thrifty growing condition, creep feeding is desirable under those conditions. Lambs should be given access to a creep in which such feeds as grain, nine parts and linseed oil meat, one part.

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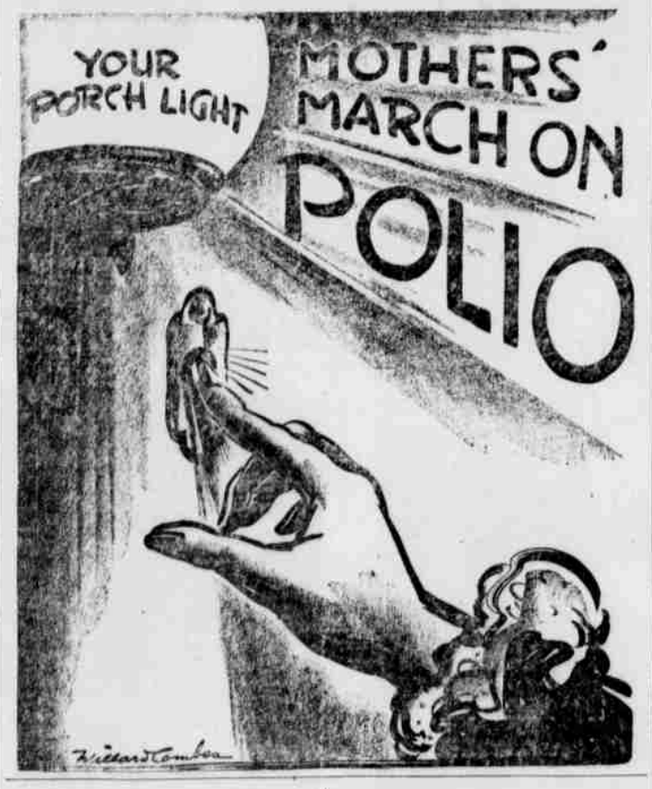

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the Files of The Gazette Times, January 25, 1923

A student body meeting was held Monday at which boys who won letters in football were presented with symbols of the Heppner high school's regard. Those receiving the letters were Alvin Boyd, Phillip Mahoney, Francis Doherty, Carl Cason, Elmer Bucknum, Reid Buseick, Austin Smith, Paul Aiken, Ralph Moore, Bill Gilliam, Leonard Schwarz and Keith Logan. Some of the other men ,altho they did not win their letter, are certainly worhty of recommendations for their hard work and loyalty.

Edward Chin returned on Thursday evening from a business trip to Portland and Seattle, being absent for about a week. He reports business good at both these points, this being especially true of Seattle, where the big shipping interests help out a lot.

Harlan D. McCurdy of Ione was up to Heppner Saturday. He is well pleased with the winter conditions so far, and states that the grain on the big Davidson ranch, in which he is interested, is coming along fine.

IONE SCHOOL NEWS

The Cardinals split in their two game series this past weekend. Friday night they defeated Irrigon 92 to 36 on the home floor. The second team also won their game from the Irrigon seconds.

On Saturday night the Ionians journeyed to Echo to tangle with with the undefeated Echo eleven. The Cardinals put in their best effort of the season there to give the fans a thrilling close game. The final score of Echo 53 Ione 38 was the biggest lead the touted Echo boys held at any time during the game. Ione started out strong and went ahead 8 to 3 at one time during the first quarter. Echo lead most of the way after the first quarter but by a narrow margin.

Ione hosts Boardman here Friday night and meets Heppner on the Heppner floor on Saturday night. The Cardinals have won six games and lost three so far this season.

On Wednesday January 21 Mr. Radford entertained the Ione school with forty-five minutes of voice impersonation. The Charlie McCarthy type of humor was unique in that it pleased all the children and youth from the first grade through the twelfth.

The Honor Roll for the third six-weeks period named four people who had grade point averages of 1.75 or less. They are: Duane Baker, 1.00; Dennis Swanson, 1.50;Don Bristow, 1.75; Anna Jepsen, 1.75.

Three people made the Semester Honor Roll. Duane Baker with1.00, Don Bristow and Dennis Swanson with 1.60 each. There were five other people with grade points of 2.00 or better, but by a vote of the Student Body Ione High School Honor Roll lists only those with outstandingly high average achievement.

The Seventh and Eighth grade team played a game of basketball with Condon last Saturday.

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"She says I should be glad I ain't home. The pipes have froze twice!"

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