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North Morrow Area Has Big Stake in John Day Decision

Stories earlier this week telling of decision of the army engineers at a hearing in Washington D. C. to reject the proposal that lower dam be built at the John Day site on the Columbia has brought considerable adverse comment from numerous sources around the state, subsequent stories have revealed.

The latest group to object to the decision that a 292 foot dam should be built was the Umatilla Port Commission which feels that the high pool would drown out many good industrial sites in the Umatilla area.

At hearings held several months ago by the northwest division of the army engineers, several groups, including the towns Arlington and Umatilla objected to the high dam and the local engineers had recommended to the Washington headquarters that a 255 or 265 foot level be adopted.

Congress has previously authorized a high dam for John Day (292 feet), and the Tuesday decision at least temporarily failed to change that recommendation.

Probably not too many Morrow county residents realize that regardless of which height is finally agreed upon, two communities in the county will feel the effects as greatly as will the residents of Arlington and Umatilla. The towns of Boardman and Irrigon both will be completely drowned out, according to present information, if the 292 foot dam is built, and all of Boardman with the exception of the new buildings along the highway will be under water even if the dam height is only 265 feet. According to reports, if the level is finally established at 292 feet practically the entire Boardman project would be inundated.

Little opposition has come from residents of the Boardman area to either plan, according to reports, though at a previous hearing at Arlington, most persons appeared to favor the 265 foot level for the pool.

The decision made at the Tuesday hearings in Washington was to refer the matter back to the northwest engineers for further study which will undoubtedly lay cause further delay in getting congress to consider measures to appropriate money to start construction of the dam.

Tom Michos Delegate To Washington D. C. Citizenship Council

Tom Michos, owner of the well-known Portland restaurant, Jolly Joan, who is equally well known to many Morrow county residents, left this week for Washington, D. C. as a delegate from Portland to the National Citizenship Council. He is one of two delegates from Portland.

Michos who came to America from Greece when a young man, owns considerable property in Morrow county, and is a frequent visitor in Heppner. He donated \$2,500 toward the construction of Pioneer Memorial hospital during a fund drive several years ago, and has been a regular purchaser of 4-H and FFA cattle from local growers.

Local Archery Fan Gets His Deer

Clarence Wise, while on a hunting trip last week with Mrs. Wise and Mr. and Mrs. Pirl Howell, bagged a deer with a bow and arrow. The doe was killed in the Sumpter area and was brought down with a running shot.

RED HAT DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE FRIDAY; MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Mayor Mary Van Stevens issued the following proclamation early this week calling attention to the observance of Red Hat Day in Heppner, Friday, September 23 and urged all citizens to wear a red hat or red hat button to signify their compliance with the objectives of the Red Hat Day pledge:

WHEREAS, the hunting of big game animals and other outdoor pursuits are claiming an increasing amount of the leisure time of the citizens of Heppner; and

WHEREAS, this accelerated recreational use of our forest, farm, and range lands has brought distress to some landowners and increased threat of fire to our valued woods and range lands; and

WHEREAS, the sportsmen of Oregon, recognizing the need for more care with fire and firearms, respect for the rights and property of others and observance of the laws, have inaugurated Red Hat Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that September 23, 1955, he proclaimed Red Hat Day in the City of Heppner and all citizens on Red Hat Day are urged to wear a red hat or a red button to signify their compliance with the worthwhile objectives of the Red Hat Day pledge.

MARY STEVENS
Mayor of Heppner

Red Hat Day has been proclaimed by Governor Paul Patterson in cooperation with the Keep Oregon Green association to call attention to the need for care in the woods good sportsmanship, proper use of firearms, and the observance of the rights of landowners. The day has been widely publicized and several local stores are displaying windows of red hats and making available to the public a Red Hat Pledge Card. The cards were handed out to all members at Monday's meeting of the committee.

The day is being supported by numerous groups and was the main subject of business at Monday's meeting of the Morrow county Hunters and Anglers.

Bank Head Observes Company Anniversary; Foresees State Growth

Business leaders of Oregon at the turn of the century would doubtless have been amazed if they could have visualized the growth and expansion of business in the state in recent years, but today's businessmen have some surprising thoughts on what may be ahead for Oregon's economy, First National Bank of Portland president C. B. Stephenson related today. He made the remarks as he surveyed the state's banking needs on the occasion of First National's 9th anniversary.

Changes in the coming years may not be as striking as during the past nine decades the bank has been in business, the bank president said, but improvements that are certain to come will continue to make banking simpler for the customers. To give some idea how the banking business will grow in years to come, Stephenson revealed some interesting material prepared by L. G. Prichard, head of the bank's research department, in a report on the estimated volume of banking in Oregon in the coming 25 years.

In 1930, when the census bureau predicts Oregon's population of 1.6 million will have expanded to 2.8 million, bank deposits in the state may reach \$3.3 billion as compared to \$1.8 billion last year, the bank president said. With the growth of the population and a 90 per cent increase in employment, income of individuals is expected to rise from its present \$2.75 billion to approximately \$4.90 billion in 1955. One of the most interesting predictions made in the report indicated Oregon's banking offices, which totaled 185 last year, would be expanded to approximately 260 in order to serve the growing population.

First National, which is the oldest national bank west of the Rocky Mountains, received its charter in September, 1865. The bank has since grown to be the largest in the Pacific Northwest with 70 banking offices throughout Oregon and deposits of over \$800 million.

Ruggles Insurance In New Location

C. A. Ruggles, Heppner insurance agency early this week moved into new offices on the ground floor of the Lane apartment building on west Willow street.

The location now occupied by the firm has been completely remodeled and redecored. The agency's offices were formerly located on the upper floor of the same building.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grabill left Monday for Peoria, Illinois on an inspection trip of Caterpillar-John Deere plants in that city. They expect to return to Heppner next Tuesday.

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County Savings Bond Sales Climb; Near State Record

Sales of United States treasury E and H savings bonds in Oregon were the highest last month for any August since 1945, according to Ted Gamble, savings bonds committee chairman. The state also achieved a ten-year high for total bonds sold in the first eight months of the year.

"For the fourth time this year, Oregonians bought more than \$4,000,000 worth of E and H bonds," Gamble said, "the exact figure for the month being \$4,092,520, 24% above August of 1954. In keeping with this record sales is the January-August report, showing total sales of \$31,853,593 in these top grade securities. This represents an increase of 31% over the same months of 1954, and keeps the state in the number one position in the nation for percent increase of this year's sales over those of last year."

According to Jeff Carter, chairman of Morrow county, savings bonds committee, our sales in August amounted to \$52,651. In 1954 they were \$6,665 for the same month.

Morrow county has the record of being the 17th county in Oregon to total dollar volume of bond sales. Many counties with from twice to 10 times the population of Morrow have sold less bonds than here so far this year. Only one county, Sherman, has shown a greater percentage increase in bond sales than has Morrow, figures revealed. Sales in the county through August have totaled \$357,064 compared with last year's sales during the same period of only \$129,586.

Sherman, Morrow and Harney counties have shown the greatest percentage increases in bond sales.

Many Local Students Leave For College

Among those joining the annual trek to various colleges and other institutions of professional training are the following 1955 graduates of Heppner high school.

To Oregon State: Sharon Rill, Richard Kononen, Jim Hayes, Patricia Wright; to University of Oregon, Larry Mollahan; to Eastern Oregon College of Education, Sally Palmer, Neil Beamer, Jean Marie Graham, Mary Ruth Green, Ralph Marlatt and Al Parent; to Pacific University, Lyle Jensen; to Portland University, Jack Monagle; to Good Samaritan Hospital for nurses training, Joan Wright; to Behnke Walker Business College, Peter Slocum.

Students returning to college this week from Heppner are Bill Hughes, Garry Connor, Wendell Connor to Pacific University; Jim Smith to Stanford; Terry Thompson to Oregon State College; Donald Blake; University of Washington, Kenneth Turner to Oregon State; Nancy Adams to Mills College, California; Eleanor Rice to San Jose State College; Sally Cohn to the University of Oregon; and Connie Newman and Adelia Anderson to E. O. C. E. at La Grande.

Heppner Teachers' Reception Tuesday

The Heppner teachers' reception will be held Tuesday evening September 26 at 6:30 p. m. in the Legion hall.

All parents and interested persons are urged to attend. This will be a potluck dinner and the room mothers have asked that those planning to attend to notify Mrs. Lowell Gribble at 6-9765 as to what they plan to bring. It will help them in planning a balanced meal.

Dale Forest Service Man Transferred Here

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Services Held Today For Francis Miller, Former Resident

Funeral services for Francis Monroe Miller, 76 years of age, were held this afternoon at 2 p. m. at Hardman with Rev. Paul Kimmell of the Monument Presbyterian church officiating. Mr. Miller passed away Monday, September 19 at John Day.

Mr. Miller was born September 11, 1879 at Tucumcaw, Washington and moved to Hardman with his family when he was a child. He continued to reside there until 1941 when he moved to the John Day area where he has made his home with a niece, Mrs. Bernice Kimmell of Canyon City. Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Interment was in the Hardman cemetery with Driskill Mortuary of John Day in charge of arrangements.

Heppner Civic League Completes Plans For Oct. Rummage Sale

The Heppner Civic League met Monday evening to complete plans for the organization's semi-annual rummage sale which is scheduled for October 28 and 29 at Empire Machinery company. The sale is a benefit for the group's kindergarten fund.

Co-chairmen for the sale, Mrs. James Norene and Mrs. Fred Sanders issued a call to all residents who have rummage to donate for the sale asking that they get it ready for pickup as soon as convenient. Pickup of donations will be arranged if the two chairmen are notified, it was said.

Committees for the sale were also named with the following having charge of various committees. Publicity, Mrs. Bradley Fancher; sorting, Mrs. Phil Blakney, Mrs. Paul Koenig; cleaning, Mrs. Larry Dowen; mangling, Mrs. Glenn Way, Mrs. Marvin Smith; moving, Mrs. James Popham, Mrs. James Mallon; arranging and pricing, Mrs. Jack Loyd; clerks, Mrs. William Labhart, Mrs. Ray Myrick; cleanup, Mrs. Marvin Smith; coffee, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and Mrs. Robert Ferrell.

It was also announced that the kindergarten enrollment is now holding between 25 and 28 children, up considerably from last year. The board also announced plans to purchase additional equipment for the class which is being held in a room at the old school building.

Civic League members are to meet with members of the former Jaycees at the civic center building to remove all wanted equipment from the building which will soon be torn down to make way for park development.

Pendleton Man Joins First National Here

Merlin Wagoner, formerly of Pendleton branch of the First National Bank has joined the staff of the Heppner branch as operations officer, replacing Jack Marshall, who has accepted a position with Sherwood and Roberts, Pasco, Washington. Mrs. Wagoner and sons, Jerry and Michael will join Mr. Wagoner here as soon as housing can be obtained.

Hunters and Anglers Pick New Secretary

The Hunters and Anglers club met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting at the Court House.

Mrs. Paul Brown recently resigned as secretary and Ralph Taylor was elected to finish her term of office. Glen Ward showed a film on wild life in Colorado.

Bomb Range Road Done; Willow Creek Job Next

County road crews early this week completed the final graveling of the new bombing range road between the Lexington-Horniston highway and Boardman and Wednesday morning moved into the mountains to start straightening and widening 7.7 miles of the Willow Creek road between the Heppner wells at the forks of Willow creek and Cutsforth forest park.

The bombing range road has been open to travel for some time, but the road crew just completed the graveling of a short stretch of the road about two miles north of the D. O. Nelson ranch. With the opening of this section, south Morrow residents now have a direct connection with the north end of the county. The road also connects with the recently completed Paterson ferry cutoff road which connects highway 730 and 30 giving a direct route to the north.

County Judge Gamet Barratt said Wednesday that it had been planned to move the county rock crusher into the area southeast of Ione as soon as the bombing range job was done, but the lack of moisture in that section prevented any work there at the present time.

Instead, the county crew was moved into the mountains where there is ample moisture to allow road construction. Work will probably continue there until snow

Heppner Eleven Pointing for Burns Opening Game Here

As soon as coach Jim Mallon's Heppner Mustangs get Friday's game against Ione under their belts they will start concerted practice for their following tussle with Burns. It will be their first home game of the season and the first to be played under the new lights. It is scheduled for Friday night, September 30.

The game with Burns, which is a special non-league game, played as a benefit for the chamber of commerce field lighting fund, is being sponsored by the chamber of commerce. A special program is planned at half-time to dedicate the new lights with the former Whitman College coach "Nig" Borleske scheduled as the main speaker. Committee chairman in charge of the game are Edgar Collison, Jack Loyd and Bradley Fancher.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

This will be the first time that Heppner and Burns have met on the gridiron as the Burns school is in the class A division. So far the Hillanders from Harney county have played only one game which they lost Meridian, Idaho high school 20 to 12. They meet La Grande this Friday.

Though the Burns win and loss record to date is the same as Heppner's, one loss and no wins, the Hillanders have several fast backs who showed plenty of fire in the Meridian game. One man, Phil Olsen, showed excellent prospects by scoring on a 60 yard run. Burns' punting is said to be excellent and it kept the Idaho squard far back in its own territory during much of the game.

DR. WOLFF TO REOPEN OFFICE

Dr. Wallace Wolff has announced that he will reopen his office at the corner of Main and Church streets, on Monday, September 26. The hours to be 10 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m., six days a week.

runs the crews out. The straightening and widening of the Willow creek road is starting at the upper end near Cutsforth park and the crew will work down, it was said. Practically the entire 7.7 miles of road included in the project will be widened, many bad curves will be straightened and rock applied. A surface coat of decomposed granite will be applied later.

Earlier Paving Possible

The court announced several weeks ago that the oiling of the Willow creek road from Heppner to the forks of the creek, a distance of 12 miles, had been planned for 1957 with money to come from matching federal, state and county funds. The delay was necessary due to the necessity of building up two year's funds to finance the project.

Possibility that at least part of the oiling project might be done next year was seen in the announcement that a state highway engineer will be here next Tuesday to confer with the court on oiling the lower half (six miles) of the project next year. Apparently some money will be available next summer though details of the plan will not be known until later.

If oiling is to start next summer, it is planned to have the county road department start work late this fall or winter on straightening and widening that section of the road to prepare it for the oil. Much of the grade is usable as is, with the addition of proper base rock, however, sections will require relocating and widening, it was said. Several new culverts will also have to be installed, replacing present wooden bridges, before it is oiled.

Fall Crop Outlook Fair to Poor Say Economists at OSC

The price outlook for Oregon's fall-planted crops ranges from fair to poor, extension economists at Oregon State college say in their latest "Situation and Outlook" circular.

Needs for more forage are putting hay, silage and pasture in a favorable spot price-wise. More of these crops will be required if larger amounts of surplus grains are to move to market through cattle and sheep. Even hogs require some forage.

Wheat is hard to beat as a cash crop even at lower supports, so long as growers comply with the acreage control program. Prices are likely to be at least 25 cents lower next year.

With average weather, the nation's wheat crop next year would again come close to 900 million bushels. In the Northwest, where the build-up in wheat stocks has been much faster than in the country as a whole, the price of wheat next fall is likely to be about the same as the price of corn shipped in from the Midwest.

Prices of barley and oats are likely to be no higher next year than this year. Unless supports are again provided, prices would likely drop rather sharply.

According to the OSC economists, large supplies of most seeds are still around, but government stocks—except for tall fescue—are not the problem they were a year ago. Growers and dealers are holding the surpluses instead of the government. Considerable old seed probably will still be around next summer to interfere with marketing of crops raised in 1956. Crimson clover, with seed supplies the smallest in many years, seems to be an important exception.

Current favorable hairy vetch prices will tend to keep prices next year at or below this year's level. The same holds true for Austrian winter peas. Supplies of common and perennial ryegrass seed this year are at record highs and point to even larger carryovers by next harvest. A sharp cutback in acreage seems called for if lower prices are to be avoided.

Use of tall—Alta—fescue failed to increase last year and the government still holds large stocks. Until these stocks are used or exported, prices are likely to be discouraging, say the economists.

The circular includes several suggested opportunities for crop adjustments that may help farmers in Oregon maintain income. Copies are available from the county extension offices and OSC.

Agriculture Census Shows County Has More, Smaller Farms

Preliminary reports have just been released for the first three Oregon counties in the 1954 federal census of agriculture. The counties are Morrow, Lincoln and Benton and in Morrow county figures show there is a decided trend toward smaller farms, which is the direct contrast to the other two counties.

Only figures for these three counties are yet available, others will be released as soon as totals can be compiled. All comparisons are made against the last federal agriculture census taken in 1950.

In Morrow county farms totaled 463 in 1954 compared with 457 in

1950 with an average size of 2,112.6 acres against 2,195.7 five years ago.

In Lincoln the census gives 677 farms against 856 in 1950 with an average acreage of 155.5 against 137.4 in 1950.

Benton county showed 1153 farms against 1293 in 1950 and they average 185.9 acres against 178.2 in 1950.

Both other counties showed a decrease in the number of farms with a trend toward larger ones. Morrow county showed just the opposite.

Comparative figures on farm income are not included in these preliminary reports received by

the state department of agriculture. They do show, however, that total farm expenditures for labor, livestock feed, poultry feed, motor fuels, fertilizer and limes varied little in the two last census years, 1949 and 1954. These combined outlays for the three counties were \$77,000 less last year than in 1949.

These first figures, which are subject to revision by the bureau of census, show farms in the three counties had more telephones, more home freezers, more grain combines, more motor trucks and more tractors. Each county reported more milking machines, but only one had more

corn pickers.

Two of the three counties reported fewer automobiles on the farms than in 1950. Morrow, however, showed an increase in trucks and cars. No comparison exists for television sets because they arrived in Oregon after the census of 1950. One out of about five farms had TV at the end of 1954, the reports show.

By types of farms, the three counties all reported fewer poultry farms, and two checked in more fruit and nut farms, more vegetable and fewer dairy farms. Other interesting comparisons for Morrow county show the following changes between 1955

and 1950. (figures were taken in 1954 and 1949).

Value of average farm including land and buildings in 1950 was \$52,890 while in 1955 it had climbed to \$74,862. The average value per acre in 1949 was \$26.16 while now it is \$36.69.

Total farm acreage has dropped from 1,003,419 in 1950 to 978,130.

In 1950 there were 682 farm trucks in the county, against 825 this year and the number of farmer-owned cars has increased from 490 in 1950 to 638.

There has also been a decided increase in the number of tractors in the county during the five-

year period. In 1950 there were a total (all kinds) of 537 tractors while in 1955 this had grown to 704.

Money paid out for hired farm labor also took a jump from \$647,854 to \$799,541. Expenses for gasoline and other farm fuels also reflected a rise from \$382,000 in 1950 to \$500,674 this year. There are also 272 combines now compared with 327 in 1950.

Other figures show 352 farms with telephones against 301 five years ago; 467 have electricity compared with 416 in 1950 and that there are now 302 home freezers on farms compared with only 87 in the previous census.