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Water Problems Reviewed By Soil Conservationists

Water conservation, the benefits to be derived from it, and the devastation caused by uncontrolled water, were discussed at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District at Lexington Tuesday night.

A history of the five major floods on Willow creek was given by Bill Sivley, Walla Walla, who is in charge of the flood control project section of the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

The Corps has been making a re-survey of the Willow watershed for a dam. Sivley gave a progress report and stated that if further funds are approved by Congress the report can be finished in 1962 and a recommendation made at that time. Funds to complete the project are included in the President's budget to be voted on this year.

"There will be a public hearing on the findings of the Corps after the survey is completed and before the recommendations are written," Sivley promised. He said desires of the people in the area would be included in the recommendation.

Stratification of the soils in the county and the part they play in underground water movement was outlined by Bruce Foxworthy, Portland geologist who is with the U. S. Geological Survey. Quinton Bowman, State Water Resources Board, Salem, explained the financing of an underground water study and encouraged the group to promote such a project in the county.

Benefits to be derived from developing watersheds in the county under the Small Watersheds Act were cited by Ronald Elmes, administrator of the Small Watershed Act, connected with the Soil Conservation office at Portland.

Both the underground water study group and the Army Engineers answered questions from the audience.

Land management control above the proposed dam as a necessity to cut down on siltation was discussed at length.

An election was held for a four year term for Heppner Soil Conservation District Supervisor with Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington, being re-elected. Kenneth Smouse, Ione, and Norman Nelson, Lexington, were re-elected directors of the Lexington Blow Control District.

Approximately 80 persons attended the annual meeting held at the Lexington Grange hall.

Wheatgrowers Plan Rainmaking Meet

Morrow County Wheatgrowers, Monday evening, with encouragement from good showers during the past week, planned for more of the same.

Arrangements were made for Dr. Fred Decker, Oregon State College, associate professor of physics, to appear before an open meeting of all wheatgrowers on February 18. The theory of weather modification, its possibilities and limitations will be illustrated through the film and slides of cloud formations. Modern techniques of evaluation will be explained. The meeting will be held at the fair pavilion annex at 10:00 a. m., February 18.

The executive committee made plans for their annual spring meeting which will be held in mid-April. This year's meeting will be on the order of a public relations gesture to acquaint everyone with the anticipated farm program. A definite date was not set waiting for congressional action and new farm program legislation.

Mrs. Milton Morgan, vice chairman, Domestic Wheat Utilization Committee, reported on a recent trip with a group of wheatgrowers to the Albany, California Wheat Utilization Laboratory.

Louis Carlson, chairman, federal agricultural programs, reported that the National Association of Wheatgrowers is now represented in Washington, D. C., and that progress is being made with other farm organizations as well as the Secretary of Agriculture and Congressmen for adopting a favorable farm program.

A committee for the selection of the County Conservation Man of the Year was appointed by chairman Tad Miller, with Paul Tews, Ione, as chairman and members John Graves, Hardman, Bob Jepsen and Bob Rietmann, Ione.

Those attending the meeting were Kenneth Smouse, Walter Jacobs, Margaret Morgan, Kenneth Turner, Bob Rietmann, Don Peterson, O. W. Cutsforth, Tad Miller, Robert Jepsen, Louis Carlson, Paul Tews and N. C. Anderson.

Oil Co-op Meeting

Lexington Oil Co-op will hold its annual meeting at the Lexington grange hall Tuesday, Feb. 14. The all day meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m.

An election of officers will be held, reports given and a noon dinner will be served by the Lexington Home Economics Club.

H. S. Students Collect \$960 For March of Dimes

Senior class of Heppner high school collected the most money for the New March of Dimes and saw their candidates, Doris Morris and Bill Monagle, crowned queen and king of the school dance Saturday night, following the Sherman game.

Students at Heppner high worked hard at a variety of activities to raise money for the drive. They washed cars and school buses, engaged in part time work and odd jobs, collected and sold bottles and did janitor work.

Half-time events at the game included auctioning off a young goat, drawing on seven puppies, and holding a cake walk. The interest of the students was rewarded with a collection of \$960.90 to be turned over to the March of Dimes.

Elks To Hold Annual Celebration February 18

Heppner Elks Lodge will celebrate its sixty-fourth anniversary Feb. 18 with an all-day program.

Registration will start at the club at 11 a. m. A ladies card party will be held at 2 at the Catholic parish hall with entertainment provided for non-card playing ladies.

Also at 2 o'clock the regular lodge session will be held at the temple.

A dinner is scheduled at the fair pavilion at 6 p. m., followed by floor shows at the Star Theater at 8 and 9. Dancing in the lodge rooms will end the scheduled events for the day.

Water Available On Range Site Geologist Says

"Large quantities of ground water can be developed at places in the Boardman bombing range by the use of wells," Bruce Foxworthy, geologist with the U. S. Geological Survey at Portland told the Morrow County water resources committee Tuesday afternoon. Foxworthy said that a survey had been made of parts of the Bombing range for the Navy.

The Water Resources committee discussed development of the re-survey of the Willow creek dam from Bill Sivley of the Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla; and were briefed by Quinton Bowman, Salem, of the State Water Resources Board, on water problems in other areas of the state.

Agencies of the county, state and federal government attending were in agreement that all possible means of conserving water in the county should be developed.

Attending were representatives of the county court, city governments of Heppner and Ione, the United States Forest Service, the U. S. Wildlife, state Game Commission, the Morrow County Port Commission, Soil Conservation Service and the extension office.

Forest Service Adds New Man

Emory Clapp has taken a position with the Heppner District of the U. S. Forest Service as range aide, a new position.

Clapp's home town is Dayton, Wash., and he graduated from Washington State University at Pullman this winter term. He has spent two summers with the Forest Service and was in this district last summer on a range analysis crew.

He has been active in 4-H work through his school years and was the Washington State representative to Washington, D. C. at the same time as Patsy Wright of Heppner, in 1956.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gardner, Jack Van Winkle and daughter, Shirley attended the basketball game at Moro last Friday.

Gordon Pratt, conductor, announces that Easter cantata choir practice will be held each Thursday night at the High School band room at 8:15 p. m. All singers are urged to attend.

Boardman Plans For Locating New Town

By MARY LEE MARLOW

The Boardman City Council and the Boardman Planning Commission held a panel discussion at the Grange hall Thursday night of last week on imminent problems pertaining to the relocation of the city of Boardman due to the building of the John Day Dam.

On the panel were Mayor Joe Tatone, councilmen Dewey West and Seth Russell, and Planning Commission members George Wiese, Walter Hayes, Ed Kuhn, Ray Conyers and Vernon Russell. About 60 persons were in attendance.

Mayor Tatone pointed out on an artist's sketch of the proposed new site of the Morrow county town where the new town will be located. Option has been taken on about 600 acres located about a mile southeast of the present town. It is bounded on the south by Wilson Road, on the east by Olson Road, and the west by the Faler Road.

It was stated that places of business in the town cannot be moved until the state highway has been moved, and that the State Highway Commission and the Corps of Engineers hope to reach an agreement within the next three months. The highway is being surveyed at the present time.

It was further brought out that no homes will be bought out before 1963, and that residents will not have to move out until 1966.

On Tuesday night at a meeting of the town council Bob Sicard and Ralph Skoubo, members of the local school advisory committee, requested that 30 acres be set aside for school purposes, in the new town's plans. The present school building can be used until 1966.

The city officials are willing to cooperate in every way with the State Planning and Development Commission and the Boeing Airplane Company in regard to co-ordinating the moving of the town of Boardman.

Morrow County Group To Discuss Boardman

State Representative Frank Weatherford has arranged a meeting for a delegation of county and city officials and chamber members to meet with the Ways and Means Committee at the Hitching Post in Boardman.

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and will give the local group an opportunity to talk to their legislators about problems connected with the Boardman bombing range.

Allan Tom To Speak At Farmer's Meet

The Farmer's Union regular meeting will be Feb. 14 at the old library building starting at 8:00 p. m.

Allan Tom, president of the Oregon Wheat League will be the guest speaker. He has recently returned from a trip to California where he visited a laboratory where studies are being made for further uses of wheat.

Also speaking will be Judge Oscar Peterson, who will talk on the bombing range project.

Heppner Tryco Leases Property

Property just north of the U. P. depot along state highway 74 has been leased by Tri-County Equipment Co., to display new and used equipment.

New machinery has been arriving daily for the Deere Day later in February. Parking spots in front of the store will also be used for the machinery display. A free lunch will be served at noon, according to Dave Townsend, manager.

Representative Weatherford Reports on Bombing Range

1961-62 School Budget Shows Slight Increase

The budget committee has completed work on the 1961-62 school budget with a recommendation that funds totaling \$888,559.00 be adopted by the voters to operate the schools of Morrow County for the ensuing year.

Robert Van Houte, administrator, said that "increases over last year's budget were quite modest" until the recommendation for an additional \$20,000 was received from the Heppner advisory board and the Heppner building committee. This amount is included in the increased budget. The additional money is to enlarge the size of the school unit at Heppner which will be built this spring from 4-6 to 8 rooms. The special serial levy voted last year in the amount of \$130,000 is earmarked for this construction and the building committee felt that \$20,000 to add two extra rooms was necessary to take care of enrollment.

No facilities for population expansion have been provided for in the budget. "This amount will only care for those students we already know will be in the system," Van Houte said.

Last year's operating budget was \$845,465. The total increase in the proposed budget is slightly over \$43,000. Some increase in receipts is expected next year and the total increase over last year will be about \$35,600, according to Van Houte.

This will mean between two and three mill increase in taxes levied in the county.

Howard Bryant, Heppner, was chairman of the budget committee which is made up of members of the school board and one person from each of the seven zones in the district. Elaine George, board member, served as secretary. Other non-board members working on the budget were Frank Anderson and Jerry Daggett, Heppner; Gar Swanson, Ione; Mrs. Max Barclay, Lexington; Ralph Skoubo, Boardman; and Warren McCoy, Irrigon.

The budget will be published in the next issue of the Gazette-Times and a public meeting will be held at 8 p. m. at the courthouse, March 6.

Vote on the school budget is scheduled for March 27.

Suckers Provided Children During Immunization

The immunization program for the county started at Heppner elementary school Wednesday morning with 150 children receiving shots in one hour from County Medical Investigator, L. D. Tibbles. Assisting the doctor was County Health Nurse Velma Glass, and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and Mrs. Lowell Gribble of the P.T.A. health committee.

An innovation was put into effect for first graders this year when monitors Tanna Valentine and Jean Siwert provided suckers for each first grader receiving the shots.

First shots will be administered to Heppner High School students March 8.

The Lexington and Ione students will receive shots February 15; the Irrigon and Boardman students on February 21.

I.F.Y.E. To Speak On His Experiences

Ronald Anderegg, 21, Oregon's farm youth exchange to Italy, will visit in Morrow county February 15 and 16 to report on his experiences of the past year.

He is scheduled on February 15 to appear at the Irrigon school at 10:00 a. m. and at the Boardman school at 12:30 p. m.

February 16 schedule includes an appearance at the Ione school at 9:00 a. m.; Scepticists Club at Heppner at noon; and Heppner school at 1:45 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mellin, daughter, Cherl spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Brown before going to John Day to see his mother, Mrs. Mabel Mellin. Mr. Mellin is with the Navy in San Diego where they live.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norene were in Portland last week to attend the winter meeting of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association.

Heart Fund Chairmen Chosen

Heart Fund campaign chairmen have been named by Mrs. Cecil Thorne, Ione, who is county chairman. The local chairmen will be in charge of the major drive, which will be tied in with Heart Sunday, Feb. 26. Women in all localities will contact the public in a door-to-door campaign Friday, Saturday and Sunday of that week end.

The local chairmen are: Mrs. Earl Soward, Heppner; Mrs. Cecil Jones, Lexington townspeople; Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Lexington rural residents; Mrs. Thorne, Ione; Beta Sigma Phi members, Ione rural; Mrs. William Seehafer, Boardman and Irrigon area; and Mrs. E. R. Schafer, Cecil.

Heart-related diseases are still the nation's number one killer. Contributing to the Heart Fund will help make it possible to find further controls and possible prevention of some heart and blood vessel diseases. Mrs. Thorne said in urging full cooperation with the campaign workers.

Altar Societies Elect Officers; Meetings Scheduled

The St. Patrick's and St. William's Altar Societies in Heppner, Lexington, and Ione recently elected new officers in their organizations.

Pat Brindle was named president of St. Patrick's Altar; Nadine O'Brien, vice president; Lora Moore, secretary; and DeLores Ayers, treasurer.

For the Lexington group, Marie Steagall is president, Melba Miller, vice president; and Nonie Pointer, secretary-treasurer.

St. William's Altar president is Loa McElligott, Florence Merick, vice president; June Crowell, secretary; and Eunice McElligott, treasurer.

The St. Patrick's Altar Society reminds all of the members of an important meeting to be held Feb. 14 in the parish hall at 8:00 p. m. At this time the entire year's program will be presented. The hostesses for the meeting will be Kathleen Hisler and Annie Healy.

Holy Names of St. Patrick's in Heppner also installed new officers with Jim Healy as president, Kenneth Turner, vice president, and Earl Ayers secretary.

On Feb. 12, Holy Names will have communion at the 11:00 a. m. mass with breakfast and a business meeting to follow in the parish hall.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	60	38	.17
Friday	55	39	.03
Saturday	55	41	.11
Sunday	57	43	.11
Monday	62	41	.26
Tuesday	50	32	.16
Wednesday	55	37	.06
Thursday	53	39	.22

(today)
Maximum temperatures, 62.
Minimum, 32.

Rainfall for the week is 1.12 inches. Total for the year is 2.15 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and family were in Baker and La Grande for the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Murray and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Dean in La Grande.

Heppner High Students Hep

Close to 25 percent of the students at Heppner High School were on the Honor Roll for the first semester, according to a report from Principal Gordon Pratt's office.

Of these, three made a four point average for the period. They were Ann Jones, sophomore; and seniors, Dennis Ferguson and Larry Tibbles.

Others earning a place on the semester honor roll were: Freshman class—Jennifer Brindle 3.33, Sherron Bunch 3.16, Phyllis Nelson 3.00, Dan Wardwell 3.33, Larry Wildman 3.33. Sophomore class—Shan Applegate 3.83, Jacqueline Brindle 3.33, Martha Doherty 3.66, Marlene Fetsch 3.00, Laura Sumner 3.83.

State Representative Frank Weatherford met with a group of county and city officials Saturday morning at the courthouse, to brief them on the proposed Bombing Range lease contract with Boeing Airplane Co.

Weatherford told the group of two measures he will introduce at the legislature which will help the people of the county.

One would have the state absorb the initial impact of expenses involved in building roads and schools for any section of the state where an exploding population occurs as the result of industrial development which would result in increased value to the state as a whole.

The other would authorize the State Land Board to purchase federal government lands within the state with surplus money.

Construction of necessary roads and schools to care for any influx of people connected with the industrial development of the bombing range has long been one of the major concerns of county and school officials. Taxpayers are heavily loaded with the cost of construction for those pupils already in the district. This bill would take the burden from the county residents and spread it over the state, on the theory that the whole state benefits from any major industrial development.

Would Benefit Schools

Schools throughout the state would benefit from the second measure, as State Land Board rentals go to the common school fund. Weatherford said that 52 percent of the land in Oregon is now owned by the federal government and that if only part of this were owned by the state and leased to industry or individuals with the rental going to the common school fund, the financing of schools would no longer be a problem.

Weatherford said both measures would be introduced by him at this session of the Legislature.

The Representative prophesied that the next 50 years would see greater development in Eastern Oregon than in any other area of the country. He said the section from Arlington to Hermiston was the "power center of the northwest" and the industrial concentration could become as great as in any part of the eastern states.

In discussing the Boeing offer for an 80-year lease on the Boardman Bombing Range the group decided that they did not have enough information on plans of the company to evaluate its impact on the economy of the county.

A suggestion was made that the Morrow County Port Commission might be allowed to set aside part of the river frontage between the range and the river for their control and it was decided to investigate this possibility.

C. of C. Requests Meeting

A report on the Saturday meeting was given by several of those present at the chamber of commerce Monday and a vote was passed to request Representative Weatherford to make an appointment with the State Planning and Development Department and with the Attorney General for a delegation from the chamber, the county court and the port commission to find out what they could about the proposed contract and the use to which the land would be put by Boeing.

Representative Weatherford returned to his home at Olex Saturday afternoon and to Salem Sunday. He promised those he talked with Saturday that he would protect their interests as fully as possible in any contract that was signed for use of the Boardman Bombing Range.

Million Dollar Rain Welcome in County

Farmers of the county are elated at the "million dollar" rain which has been falling since February 1. For the first time in two years sufficient moisture has been received in all sections to brighten prospects for a bounteous crop.

The Don Heliker ranch, west of Ione, which has been missed by rainfall for the past two years, has received over an inch and Harry Proudfoot in the northeast corner of the county reports the same.

The gentle rain has, so far, created no soil erosion problems except in one locality in Sand Hollow where a sudden downpour caused a small amount of erosion on steep ground.

From September 1 to February 1 about half the moisture necessary to raise crops in the county had been received. Some ranchers who plowed stubble fields during the break in the weather reported dry soil at six inches. After the first week of February rains the moisture depth had penetrated to 18 inches.

A group of ranchers distributed over the county have been keeping moisture gauges and cooperating with the extension office in formulating a county-wide picture of conditions. Nels Anderson, county agent, reported today that from an analysis of these records "this can be called a million dollar rain if there ever was one." He further in-

dictated that above normal rains for the rest of the spring would be necessary to keep moisture in the ground because of lack of snowfall.

Ranch Accident Injures Three

Three local men were brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital Sunday evening following an accident on John Hanna's ranch six miles from town on the Pilot Rock road.

John Hanna, Sr., 75, is confined to the hospital with a broken back. Avery Taylor has a cerebral concussion and lacerations. The third man, Paul Wachter, was treated for a badly bruised elbow and thumb, and released.

All were brought to the hospital by ambulance.

The accident occurred when they were applying tin roofing to a hay shelter on the ranch. Scaffolding collapsed, spilling them 20 feet to the ground. Wachter, the least injured of the three, made his way to the house for help.

PANCAKE LUNCHEON

All Saints' Episcopal church will hold a pancake luncheon February 14 beginning at 11 o'clock.