

Golfers Enjoy Willow Course



THIS IS THE site of Bull Prairie reservoir which is now under construction. The lake which will be formed on this site will be some 25 acres in extent and will provide all types of water recreation. Located near the Heppner-Spray highway, some 39 miles from Heppner, the area will include a 25-unit forest campground with stoves, tables, and water supply.

By Jackie Labhart
Nestled in the rolling hills surrounding Heppner, and just a mile from the city limits, is a complete nine hole golf course; and winding throughout the entire links is picturesque Willow Creek on whose banks grow tall graceful willows and in whose waters swim the tastiest trout in Morrow county.

In 1953 the idea of a golf course in Heppner was just a dream in the hearts of several men in the community, but in one year's time 24 acres of land had been leased and three fairways and greens were taking shape. Then the enthusiasm grew and grew, as would-be golfers cleared weeds, picked up rocks, planted grass and built bridges until six holes were in play. In 1957 the entire dream became a reality when a complete 9 hole course was finished.

Starting with just seven family memberships in 1954, the membership in Willow Creek Country Club has now risen to 70 families, and most of these never played golf before.

The average hole on the course is about 150 yards, the longest hole being a par 4, 325-yard hole. The fairways are narrower than most courses and the aforementioned Willow Creek offers many a lateral water hazard, but Morrow county golfers have learned to be accurate.

Ladies' day competition and men's tournament play on Sunday mornings, as well as a two-ball foursome Sunday afternoons are held weekly from April thru October.

If golfing is your "cup of tee" then Willow Creek Country Club has the ingredients.



TYPICAL OF SCENE in rugged country in the Blue Mountains south of Heppner is this one from the U. S. Forest Service, showing a number of men packing in along a fast-moving stream.

Fair, Rodeo Among Year's Top Annual Shows in County

By Marion C. Green

Each year, in the fall, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is staged as a county wide project by the citizens of Morrow county.

Held in the modern facilities located on the edge of the Heppner city limits in the Hinton Creek Valley, the facilities boast a modern fair pavilion that has ample room for booths, exhibits and demonstrations. It also has a large dance floor and kitchen as well as facilities for a community meeting room.

In conjunction with the fair

pavilion there are many barns, stalls, pens and cages to accommodate the many livestock and poultry exhibitors each year.

There is keen competition among the residents of Morrow county in exhibiting their agricultural produce and livestock. The 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America competition and exhibits are the culmination of a year's work and are excellent and very interesting to view.

The rodeo grounds are among the most modern in the state, with a new covered grandstand directly behind the bucking chutes offering the spectator the

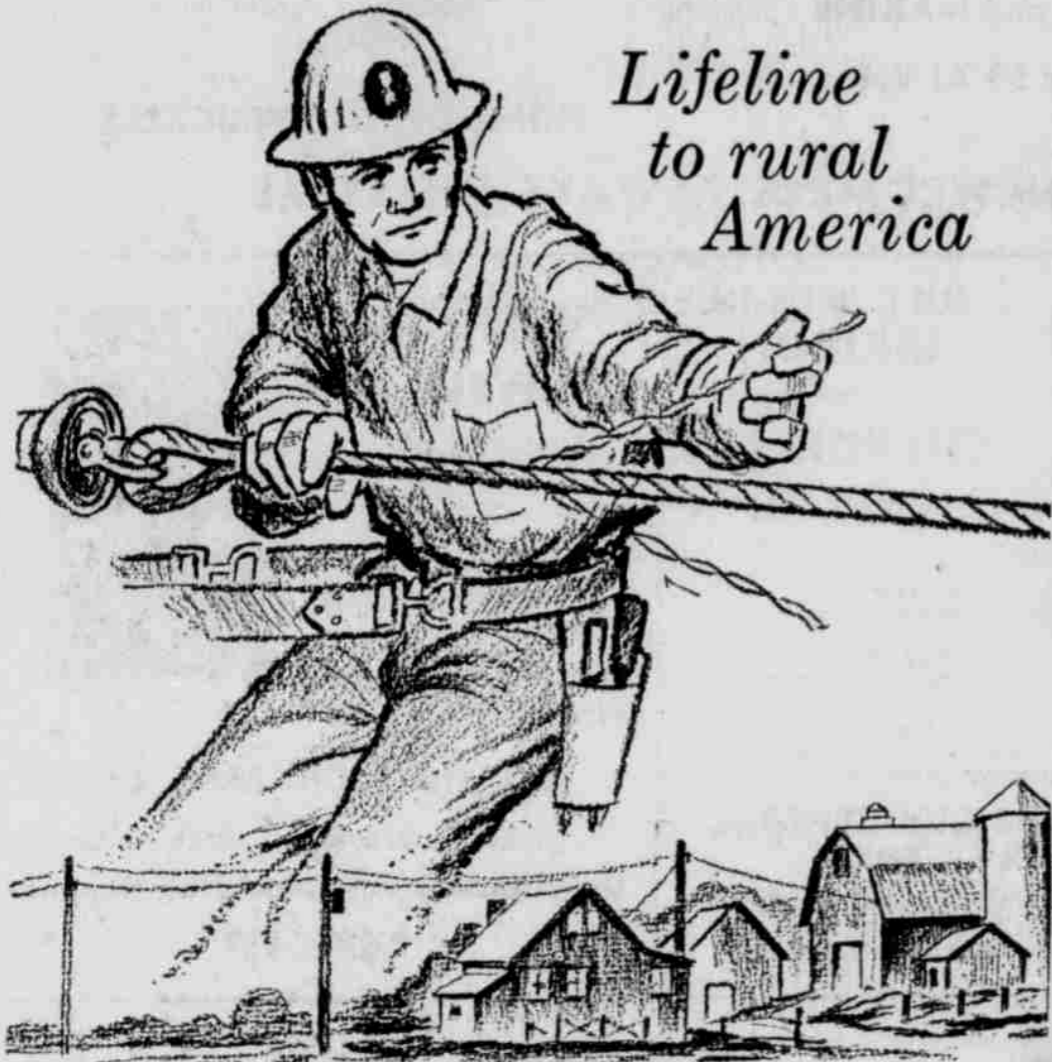
closest view of the activities in the chutes anywhere in the Pacific Northwest.

The Morrow County Rodeo is an amateur show that draws cowboys from all the Pacific Coast and Canada. It offers all the major rodeo events as well as races and other specialty events that have proved to be very entertaining in the past years.

With superior spectator facilities and excellent cowboys and events the Morrow County Rodeo offers, two days each year, a very enjoyable time in the tradition of the old west.



FINE CAMP SITES are located in the Umatilla National Forest where the pine woods are free from underbrush. Here foresters are shown setting up tables and camp fireplace at the Fairview Campgrounds, some 39 miles south of Heppner. This camp is equipped for 12 camping units.



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