

Big Crew Said Coming On Pipe Line

Western Pipe Line Inc. headquarters were moved back to Condon July 15, but John Keene, purchasing agent for the company, announced from Condon that they will move back here in from 10 days to two weeks.

The move was made following completion of the ditching operation. The ditch digging crew was disbanded and many of the men went back and were added to the pipe laying crew.

Keene said that between 250 and 400 men will be in the crew which will operate from here within the next two weeks. They are laying the pipe, welding it up, lowering in, tying in, and covering over, Keene said. A seeding crew will follow this operation.

The big crew will be working in the lone district where interested spectators can view the progress of the big line within 10 days.

Western Pipe Line, Inc. with the J. P. Neill and Co., Inc. have the contract for laying the 36-inch pipe from the California line to Rosalla, Wn., a 486-mile installation. Both are Texas firms.

The pipe line will carry natural gas from Alberta, Canada, to California. When completed the line will be 1400 miles long, with termination at Antioch, Calif. Cost of the line has been set at \$340 million. Pacific Gas and Electric Co., builders, have announced that the natural gas supply will increase its supply by more than 20 percent, raising the total to nearly 2 1/2 billion cubic feet per day.

Better Yield Seen In Late Harvest

Harvesting in the upper elevations is now about at its peak, with an improved picture of crop conditions emerging for those farmers now gathering the grain.

"Apparently neither the striped leaf rust nor the heat took such a heavy toll here as it did in the rest of the county," Al Lamb, manager, Morrow County Grain Growers, reported.

Lamb said the wheat yield in the later harvest is running on an average of 25 bushels to the acre or better. One or two have even reported 30 bushels. The quality of this wheat is also better than the county average. Wheat is running an average test weight of 58 to 60 pounds to the bushel.

Barley in the upper country is running a light test weight of 41 to 42 pounds to the bushel, only a pound or two above the county average.

All elevators are still in operation, although the North Lexington elevator is expected to close about the middle of next week. Remaining ones will be in operation for another two to three weeks, Lamb predicted.

With the rising market, farmers are not selling now. There is expected to be ample storage space in the MCGG elevators for this year's crop as the government wheat is now being all shipped out with no carryover of previous crops left.

Mrs. Robert Lowe Dies in Pendleton

Services for Ethel Cordella Lowe, 58, Heppner, were held at All Saints' Episcopal church at 10 a. m. Thursday (today) with the Rev. Bruce Spencer officiating. Requiem eucharist was set at 7:30 a. m.

Mrs. Lowe died of a heart attack July 24 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following surgery July 20.

She was born February 19, 1903, in Heppner and had spent most of her life here. She was married to Robert Lowe in November, 1935, at Gaston.

Mrs. Lowe was employed as a nurses' aid for many years at Pioneer Memorial hospital, but had not worked the past two years due to ill health. She was a member of All Saints' Episcopal church and active in church work.

In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to make contributions to the Heart Fund.

Mrs. Lowe is survived by her husband, Robert, Heppner; one son, Patrick, San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Orrin E. (Pearl) Wright, Heppner; three brothers, Lewis F. LaTrace, Echo, William H. LaTrace, Tacoma, Wn., and J. Edward LaTrace, Heppner. Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

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Engineers Tell of Progress on Projects

Reservoir Lagoon At Willow Mouth To Add Recreation

A 5500 acre-foot lagoon of water extending two miles up Willow Creek from the confluence of the creek and the Columbia River was visualized by an Army Corps of Engineers speaker at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday.

Using a map in five colors, Willis Hartman, landscape architect of the Engineers, Walla Walla, showed the outlines of the future lake and told where highway 74 to Heppner and the Union Pacific railroad tracks would be located.

Present railroad tracks and much of the highways will be under water when backwaters from the John Day dam rise in 1967. This includes the cloverleaf entrance from 74 to the present location of U. S. Highway 30.

Highway 30, as part of the new U. S. highway system, will be renamed U. S. Highway 80 North. It will cross the newly-formed lagoon a short distance from the present route. The railroad bridge will be 200 feet further north than the highway bridge, both covering a water expanse of about 300 feet.

This 200 by 300 foot pool will be available for boating and fishing and development for recreational purposes, Hartman said. Three other areas were also suggested for recreation.

One will lie east of Willow creek along the Columbia and will be developed as a boat ramp. Access here can be gained only by boat, with no roads to the area planned.

Another recreation area is planned at the north end of

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Grain Growers To Pay \$100,000

Nearly \$100,000 in outstanding Series 8 Capital Reserve certificates will be paid by Morrow County Grain Growers, Al Lamb, manager, announces.

The certificates were issued for the 1948 crop. They represent shares of the crop earnings for that year and are in addition to competitive cash returns received in 1948.

According to Lamb, stockholders have a choice of accepting cash or trading for Class A preferred stock bearing 5 percent interest. These can be issued in units of \$50 up to the face amount of the Series 8 certificates.

Morrow County Grain Growers is one of the county's biggest businesses. In the past seven years over a million dollars was made in profits by the co-op. The co-op is in a strong financial position with current assets of \$9 for each \$1 in liabilities, reported at its last annual meeting.

District Orders Two School Buses

Two new school buses were ordered Friday by Morrow county school district board. The two 48-passenger vehicles will cost a total of \$11,579.

Fulleton Chevrolet was awarded the contract on the low bid opened Friday night at a special school board meeting.

The buses will be Chevrolet chassis with Pearly A. Thomas Co. Carwors, Inc. bodies. Delivery is expected shortly after the opening of the school year.

Free Clinic Scheduled

Residents of Morrow county are reminded of the free chest X-ray clinic to be held Wednesday, August 2, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:30 in the evening, at the Pioneer Memorial hospital. The clinic is sponsored each month by the Morrow county T. B. and Health association.



PRINCESS RONNIE BELSMA

Dance Saturday Night Scheduled in Honor Of Princess Ronnie

Princess Ronnie Belsma will have her own dance at the fair pavilion Saturday night beginning at 10 p. m. Music will be provided by the Rim Rock Serraners.

Princess Ronnie, 17, is an attractive 5-foot 6-inch brunette. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O'Brien, Heppner, and is sponsored by the Lena community.

An all-around girl, Princess Ronnie is enthusiastic about many activities. Her interests include outside work and sports, as well as more feminine pursuits.

She started her riding career on a snow-white Shetland pony at the age of five. She still has the pony, named Snooks, but her favorite horse for riding now is an Appaloosa gelding. He will be her official horse during her fair and rodeo appearances.

Ronnie helps out around the family wheat and cattle ranch 25 miles northeast of Heppner. She drives a wheat truck to town, takes part in cattle drives

Area Playoffs Due On Diamond Here

The Willow Creek Little League All-Stars will host the sudden death area playoff game in Heppner Saturday night at the rodeo field. Two teams vying for the right to move into the state playoffs at Alpenrose field in Portland next week are The Dalles Americans, central Oregon area winner, and the Pendleton Nationals, Pendleton area winner.

Also on tap to start the evening of Little League baseball, will be the preliminary game featuring the local Willow Creek All-Stars, second place winners at The Dalles, against the Pendleton American team, third place winner in Pendleton.

Both games should be exciting close battles and will be a good chance to see the local boys in action and see some good baseball. LaVerne Van Marder, Little League president, said.

The doubleheader games will begin at 6:00 p. m. Willow Creek and Pendleton American, followed at 8:00 with The Dalles American fighting it out with the Pendleton Nationals for that trip to Portland.

Fund of \$21,000 To Speed Survey On Willow Dam

A \$21,000 appropriation in the budget of the U. S. Army Engineers will mean resumption of a survey of Willow Creek for a multipurpose dam just above Heppner, Glen H. Von Gunten, chief of planning branch, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, said at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday.

Work was actually resumed by the Corps in July, he said. The actual physical survey was done last year on an allocation of \$17,900 appropriated by Congress for the purpose. With the field work out of the way, the funds ran out and \$21,000 has been included in the public works budget presented to Congress for the 1961-62 year. Von Gunten said that although the budget has yet to be approved by Congress, there is no opposition to the inclusion of funds to finish this project and the Corps is proceeding on the supposition that the funds will be forthcoming.

A dam 125 feet high at the upper edge of town would provide a 3000-acre feet control, which would care for waters such as hit the area in the 1903 flood, Von Gunten said.

A 1945 report by the Engineers which recommended the construction of a flood control dam only, resulted in no appropriations for construction of the earth-filled dam ever being made. The chief planner said Monday that a multipurpose dam appears more feasible at this time from results gathered so far. Besides the normal use of recreation and irrigation, he mentioned a possibility of municipal water needs being fulfilled in connection with construction of the dam. By including such needs in the program, it might be found to be the cheapest source of additional water for the future, he said.

Fish and wildlife benefits were also stressed by the speaker.

Von Gunten predicted that his department will be far enough along with their survey that a public hearing will probably be held in the area shortly after the first of the year.

"I believe we will be able to show a justifiable project," he said.

Even so, it will be a minimum of three years before construction.

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City Water Use At Record High

Residents of the city of Heppner used over 800 thousand gallons of water per day in the period of June 20 to July 20. This comes out to about 24 million gallons for the city's 681 users.

"This is the biggest reading in my 11 years of work for the city," stated Victor Groshens, city superintendent.

Groshens said there are no plans for restriction of water use but that residents are being asked to use water with care and not to waste it.

How much water is in the city wells is not known and the city council is now considering drilling another well because of the increased usage. The city now operates two wells, one 12 miles southeast of town on Willow creek and another three miles up Willow creek.

Family Hour Booked At Municipal Pool

To encourage parents to go swimming with their youngsters, a "Family Hour" has been scheduled at the Heppner municipal pool each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30. Tom Hughes, lifeguard, states.

In order for children to be admitted to the pool at that time and on that night, they must be accompanied by their parents. In the ensuing half-hour, 7:30 to 8:00, there will be swimming. All adults are invited to the "Family Hour."

Lone School Job Let; Start Slated

Bids were opened for construction of the addition to lone high school at Morrow County School District board meeting Tuesday night. Eastern Oregon Construction Co., Pendleton, was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$104,264 for the 138 by 67 foot building.

The new building will adjoin the present cafeteria on the south side. Made of frame construction with brick veneer finish, it will be similar to the new high school building at Heppner.

Included in the plans for the new building are a science room, a library, commercial room, three

Report of Death Causes Alarm; Proves In Error

Twelve brothers and sisters became alarmed when they heard a report Tuesday that Robert McLaughlin, 31, Heppner rancher, had been killed in a four car collision near Jean, Nevada.

McLaughlin was hale and hearty on his ranch here, wondering what had happened to the man who stole his car and identification.

None of the brothers and sisters called the ranch from their homes ranging from Alaska to New York, but they did call Mrs. Don Pointer, Lexington, a sister, who knew about the theft and was able to inform them that McLaughlin was not in Nevada.

On Monday, July 17, McLaughlin and four other ranchers who had cattle summer grazing close to the Ditch Creek fire, went to the area to herd the 700 head out of the way of the blaze. By Wednesday they knew the cattle were safe so returned home where McLaughlin learned his hired man, Patrick O'Connor, 37, had disappeared. O'Connor had worked on the ranch for about one month. It was reported that he took most of his employer's clothes, a saddle, gun, billfold and checkbook, as well as a 1958 Chevrolet.

Police issued a pickup for the car.

The Monday night accident occurred when a car bearing the Oregon license plate drove down the wrong side of a one way highway, crashing head on into another car. The two occupants of both cars were killed. Two other cars hit the wreck but occupants were not injured seriously. The bodies were so badly burned that identification of the driver of the Oregon car has still not been completed.

Though the car stolen here was a Chevrolet, the one involved in the accident was a DeSoto.

O'Connor is known to have had relatives in the Bronx, and in Los Angeles. Finger print identification is being attempted in both New York and California.

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No strikes in the Heppner District were reported this morning from the Wednesday night storm.

Buck Winners Fail To Collect Prizes

Only \$1.00 was collected out of a total of \$55.00 in winnings announced at Saturday's Lucky Buck drawing. Bob Cossitt received the only lucky bucks.

First prize money of \$25 will be added to the top prize in the next drawing, August 12.

Residents who missed their winnings by not being in the business house of one of the 61 participating merchants Saturday were Bob Stevens, first prize \$25; Betty Brown, second prize, \$10; Harry Smith, Cara B. Allyn and Neva Matteson, \$5.00 each; Geneva Palmer, Dorothy Stefani, Lucille Wilson, Joe J. Wilson, \$1.00 each.

Final Session Set For Swim Lessons

The final session of swimming lessons will start at the Heppner municipal pool on Tuesday, August 1, at 9 a. m., Tom Hughes, lifeguard, announces.

Included will be instruction for beginners, intermediates and for junior lifesaving. To qualify for junior lifesaving the student must be in the 7th to 10th grades, inclusive, or from 12 to 15 years of age, inclusive. Classes will continue daily for two weeks on the days that the pool is open. Those taking lessons in previous sessions have made good progress, Hughes said. Because of the sustained good weather, this has been the best summer in recent years at the pool, he said.

classrooms, rest rooms, a health room and office space.

Construction is expected to start on the new school building by August 1 with an estimated 150 to 175 days necessary to complete the school. This means that it will probably be in use before the end of next school year.

Plans for the school had earlier been approved by both the lone advisory committee and the lone school building committee.

Cost of the school was kept lower by the fact that the present heating plant in the cafeteria can be used to heat the building. Connection will be made to the oil furnace in the older building, which will supply enough heat for both premises. The square foot cost is \$10.72 for the lone building, while at Heppner the new structure will cost \$15.67 per square foot because of the heat pumps included in the total cost.

Sidewalk and paving contract at lone will be a separate item.

Seven contractors bid on the building, which was designed by Hayslip & Tuft, Portland architects.

Financing of the new building addition will be through the special serial levy. Funds of \$130,000 each year for four years are provided in this levy. When proposed it was the announced plan of the school district board to use these funds for the first unit of a new high school at Heppner the first year, and addition to the high school at lone the second year. The levy is now in its second year and the building program as being carried out by the board is in accordance with these plans.

Building at Irrigon was scheduled for the third year funds, and at Boardman for the fourth year "or whenever additions there are necessary."

The building schedule is not mandatory to the board, but has been observed to date.

Crews Continue Mopping Work

Mopping up process is still underway in the 7,480 acre Ditch Creek fire in the Heppner District of the Umatilla National Forest this week with about 40 men left on the scene.

Sam Miller, Heppner Ranger, reports that damage to timber was only about 50 percent of the trees involved. The fast moving blaze covered a lot of open grass land. Some whole canyons in the rugged terrain were just burned in spots, leaving both trees and grass undamaged.

Plans are underway for a sale of damaged trees in the near future. As soon as the area has been cooled enough a timber cruise will be made by the district and the damaged trees will be put up for sale and removal from the forest.

One helicopter is still in use by the district. It is carrying men to locations of smoldering stumps as they are found. The stumps are then dug out of the ground enough to enable the men to extinguish the blaze. The "chopper" is also used to bring men to town when necessary and to ferry in supplies.

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Bicycling Boy Gets Chin Gash in Spill

Bicycles and stitches seem to go together this summer. Latest victim is little 5-year-old John Healy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Healy, Heppner.

John inherited his older brother's 20-inch bicycle when the brother got a new one recently. The small boy was doing fine learning to manage the steering but admits he had trouble getting started. Monday morning he found that even steering becomes impossible in deep gravel. He fell, cutting his chin to the extent that it took a trip to the doctor and three stitches to close the wound.

His mother reports that stitches are not new to John, who earlier had almost the identical spot sewn from falling while hanging by his knees from a tree limb.