

Farmers Support Plan for Irrigation

Near unanimous interest in the irrigation feature of the proposed Willow Creek dam project has been indicated by property owners living between Heppner and the Columbia river, Oliver Creswick, county assessor, announced after completing a survey with assistance of Quentin Bowman of the State Water Resources board and County Judge Oscar Peterson.

Of 28 farmers contacted, all but two signed statements indicating that they would be interested in irrigating at least some of their lands adjacent to the creek. Total acreage embraced by the signed statements is 2282 acres. This is more than 60% of the total lands (3700 acres) that the Bureau of Reclamation estimated might be irrigated with supplemental water from the dam if the project is completed.

Results of the survey were highly encouraging—even surprising—to proponents of the dam project. It means that the irrigation feature undoubtedly will be provided for in the design of the proposed dam, allowing for at least 3000 to 4000 feet of water storage for irrigation on top of that provided for flood control and other uses.

With the irrigation feature on the dam, it is possible that the structure could be as high as 150 feet.

Creswick and Bowman contacted ranchers and property owners along the creek in a four-day period after letters and questionnaires had been sent to them for study. They reported a very interested response among the group, and a majority of them indicated that they would be interested in obtaining more than the supplemental allotment of one acre foot per acre if it were available.

Creswick and Judge Peterson will go to Walla Walla on Friday morning to take results of the survey to W. E. Sivley, project engineer for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The survey followed two meetings on the irrigation feature in Heppner when the matter was explained and discussed with the property owners.

The Bureau of Reclamation will work out plans with the ranchers for the irrigation feature, although the Corps of Engineers is in charge of the Willow Creek dam study because it is primarily designed for flood control.

It is expected that a public hearing on the total proposed project will be set for sometime in November when everyone will have opportunity to express his views on the proposal.

It was emphasized in the contacts with farmers that their signing up possible acreage for irrigation was an evidence of interest only and not a firm commitment.

Questions asked were these: 1. I (would) or (would not) be interested in obtaining supplemental summer irrigation water through storage of the winter and spring flows of Willow Creek.

2. If a suitable plan for storage of Willow Creek winter and spring flows is formulated, I (would) or (would not) at some future date be willing to participate in a local irrigation district which would manage the supplemental irrigation water and collect irrigation charges which are tentatively estimated to be \$3.00 per acre-foot.

3. I have _____ acres of land presently under irrigation described as follows: _____

4. I have Willow Creek water rights for _____ acres of land. In the two meetings held here it was explained that all state water rights would be honored and that participation in the project would be limited to 160 acres for a corporation or a single person, or 220 acres for husband and wife. It was also explained that it would probably be necessary for participants to agree to some modification of winter and spring water rights in order to fill the reservoir during this period.

Participants would at some future date be expected to form a local irrigation district to operate the irrigation feature of the dam and to reimburse the Federal Government for supplemental summer waters.

The letter sent to the ranchers included this paragraph: "It is understood that the answers to

these questions are not a binding agreement to participate in a federal project's irrigation feature. If a favorable expression is received, more studies of this feature will be made to determine firm water cost, operating procedures and economic gain to irrigators."

Feeling is that inclusion of the irrigation feature in the project would enhance the possibility of it becoming a reality because of the stress by the federal government on multipurpose use.

Ullman Offers Aid On Dam Project

Congressman Al Ullman told a group of Heppner businessmen and county officials Wednesday afternoon that he would give whatever assistance he could to help with the Willow Creek project.

The congressman urged that local proponents of the plan cooperate fully with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation in planning for the project. He suggested the work from the local end should be expedited in order that authorization for the project might be obtained by Congress next year.

Ullman asked questions concerning the location of the dam and the amount of local support it is receiving.

Fred Gimbel, Chamber of Commerce president, was spokesman for the group and Oliver Creswick explained work on the survey on the irrigation feature just concluded, pointing out the support being given by ranchers.

Ullman agreed that the project had more possibility of becoming an actuality if the irrigation feature is included, widening its multipurpose use.

Others representing the chamber at the short impromptu meeting were Wes Sherman, Elmer Schmidt and Judge Peterson. County Commissioners Milton Biegel and Gene Ferguson sat in on the meeting, together with Ron Ahern, Ullman's assistant, Al Lamb, who was escorting Ullman around town, and Mrs. Avon Melby.

Australia Film Set For Showing Oct. 15

Showing of the feature-length dramatic film, "Shadow of the Boomerang," filmed in Australia by Evangelist Billy Graham, is scheduled here on Monday, October 15, at 8:00 p. m. in the multipurpose room. The film is being sponsored by the South Morrow County Ministerial Assoc. for enjoyment of the public.

The film is the most recent of many Billy Graham film successes. It is filmed against the backdrop of his Australian crusades seeking to underline the Godly reaction to human crises and conflicts. It is an outdoor excitement picture with all of the excitement and breath-taking scope of the land, "Down Under," centered around a turbulent story of homestead life.

The new picture will be shown free of charge.

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Al Ullman Talk Hails Wheat Plan



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Congressman Al Ullman, looking fit and cheerful on his first visit to Morrow county since the auto accident last December that resulted in the loss of his left leg, spent Wednesday afternoon and night in Heppner.

The visit was climaxed at a meeting in the evening at the Heppner fairgrounds where some 175 persons gathered for a pot-luck dinner and heard him speak on the wheat program adopted by Congress, declaring that it gives "more freedom for both farmers and the market place."

He arrived at 1 p. m., accompanied by his assistant, Ron Ahern, and went to the high school to speak to the students. After lunch with Al Lamb, his campaign manager and chairman of the Morrow Democratic central committee, and Mrs. Lamb, he visited at Pioneer Memorial hospital with Newt O'Hara, a long time friend, and then went to the courthouse. A group of businessmen met with him there to discuss prospects for the Willow Creek dam project. The congressman visited in the home of Mrs. Amanda Duvall and rested there before the evening meeting at the fairgrounds.

Jack Smith of Condon, candidate for state representative from this district, introduced Ullman at the evening meeting.

"For 30 years Oregon wheat leaders have been working for the concept of the certificate plan for wheat which was enacted into law this year," the congressman said in his talk.

He told the audience that the 1961 feed-grain program has reduced surplus stocks of corn by nearly 400 million bushels and surplus wheat stocks were reduced to the lowest level since 1957. "The annual cost of storing and handling feed grains and wheat will be reduced by 213 million dollars as a result of this program," Ullman said.

The 2nd district congressman called the long-term wheat program scheduled to go into effect in 1964 "a milestone in farm legislation . . . the most important development for western farmers in a quarter century."

Questions followed his talk for a half-hour period, and among those asked was one regarding the Cuban situation. Congressman Ullman said that he felt the situation is serious but is not a crisis.

Smith, who was accompanied by his wife, Margaret, also addressed the audience briefly. Ullman arrived in Morrow county following his dedication of the Vale grazing project on Tuesday. He plans visits in Condon, Arlington, Pendleton, Hermiston and Bend during the remainder of the week.

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State and national levels will claim most interest on the ballot with races for United States Senator, representative in Congress 2nd district, governor, commission of the state bureau of labor, and state representative, 28th district. Information on all candidates will be presented in ensuing editions of this paper.

New D. A. Takes Oath of Office, Starts on Job

Herman W. Winter, formerly of Salem, was administered oath of office as new Morrow county district attorney Monday by J. O. Hager, justice of the peace, and he lost no time tackling duties before him.

He was busy early in the week with business facing the office, taking over where Robert B. Abrams, who resigned effective October 1, left off.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter moved to Heppner over the week-end and are living in the Bert Corbin place on Gilmore street. They have three children, Karen, 4, Rosemary, 2, and Herman Jr., 9 mo.

Office of the new district attorney, who will also engage in private practice here, is in association with Jos. J. Nys, although there is no partnership involved.

District Attorney Winter passed the state bar examination in July after graduating from the Willamette University School of Law, where he attended 3½ years.

Previously he had attended Lewis and Clark College. Mrs. Winter (Pauline), also attended Willamette University and Lewis and Clark college, although the couple met in Pendleton while each was active in a Young Republican meeting.

At various times Winter has lived in Washington, Clackamas, Jackson, Columbia, Multnomah and Marion counties. He served two years in the Marines, from June 1956 to September 1958, and attained the rank of first lieutenant. His duty was at Quantico, Va., and at Twentynine Palms, Calif., and he presently is a captain in the reserves.

Winter is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Episcopal church.



HEAVY CONSTRUCTION was underway Friday at the site of the new Heppner-Lexington High school when Dick Wilkinson (right), chairman of the board of directors of district R-1, and Superintendent Robert Van Houte went up to observe progress. Heavy equipment is shown working on excavation and the present Unit-A school, which will become a part of one wing of the new school, is in the background. The photo, taken in the rain, looks toward Heppner. (G-T Photo)

October 6 Set Final Deadline For Registration

Deadline for registration for voting in the general election on November 6 will be Saturday, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, reminds the public.

To accommodate late registrants, the clerks office will be open from 8:30 a. m. until 8:00 p. m. on Saturday, October 6, a day that the office is normally closed.

Registrars in other parts of the county are Mrs. Emma Brecheers, Lexington; Mrs. Howard (June) Crowell, Ione; Mrs. Marguerite Houghton, Irrigon; and Dean King, Boardman.

The Morrow county ballot for the general election is now in the hands of the printers, the Gazette-Times for printing, although status of one measure is still in doubt. The Supreme Court is deliberating on the legality of the measure that would restrict commercial fishing on the Columbia River, proposed by initiative petition. There is argument that part of the names on the petition were signed before the title was changed and that an insufficient number of names was signed to place it on the ballot. County clerks will be instructed to rule this measure off the ballot if the Supreme Court decision is that it is not legal to appear.

In all there will be 10 measures on the ballot, seven referred to the legislature to the people and three by initiative petition.

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All City Officers File Nomination Petitions

All city officers whose terms expire at the end of this year have filed nominating petitions and their names will be on the ballot at the general election November 6.

Included are Mayor Al Lamb, Recorder Ted Smith and Treasurer LaVerne Van Marter, all of whom serve two-year terms; Councilmen LeRoy Gardner, Conley Lanham and Carl Spaulding, all for 4-year terms; and Earl Ayres, 2-year term. Holdover councilmen not up for election are Ed Gonty and John Pfeiffer.

Because of vacancies that have occurred due to death and moving from the city, four councilmen are up for election this year. Normally, terms of three expire every two years. This will be back "on schedule" after this year because of the fact that the one term, that of Ayres, is for a 2-year term. He was appointed to succeed Allen Case who died last year during his term of office.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions is October 6, and any other candidates interested in running for office may obtain a petition form from Recorder Smith and file by that time.

Petitions for the incumbent officers were presented to them at the council meeting Monday night, except for Ayres who was absent, and all agreed to accept nominations.

In other business, the council acted on a variety of matters. Each councilman was given a copy of the 23-page audit report prepared by Allan C. Lang ewalter, CPA, Hermiston. Mayor Lamb asked councilmen to

study the report for discussion at a later meeting.

In a statement with the report, Langewalter said, "The city recorder and the city treasurer both take considerable pride in their work and the records they keep reflect this. Internal control is accomplished by the natural check and balance between the recorder's books and the treasurer's books and by intimate knowledge of the City operations on the part of the Mayor and City Council."

He commended the courtesy and helpfulness of the recorder, treasurer, chief of police, city superintendent, mayor and other city employees, and said, "Each of them displays a commendable attitude towards his job and his employer."

The council decided to call for bids on a new police car, and the police committee will arrange specifications. The car was provided for in last year's budget but decisions were deferred until 1963 models came out.

A request by Robert Van Houte, county school superintendent, to change a stop sign on Morgan street, entering Riverside, to a "Yield Right of Way" sign was denied. The councilmen expressed the feeling that since stop signs are on all other streets entering the thoroughfare, they should be on Morgan street also. Van Houte's interest was to alleviate the need for school buses using the road continuously each day, to stop at the intersection when no cross traffic was approaching.

Permission was granted by the council for employees of the city to receive one hour instruction per month by the State Industrial Accident Commission on safety practices. This is aimed at cutting accidents to lower the industrial accident payment rate.

Agreement between the city and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Florence for an easement for a city well on a half-acre of the Florence property in exchange for a tap on the city's water main for the owners was approved at the council meeting.

Permits for building and alterations were approved as follows: Wesley Marlatt, 680 Alfalfa, new roof, \$1000; Heppner-Lexington high school construction, \$546,289; and Norah Rasmus, stucco and paint building, \$500.

Ruhls Have Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Ruhl are proud parents of a baby girl, Dana Marie, born September 26, in Corvallis, weighing 8 lb., 6 oz. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl of Lexington, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie of Heppner. Dana Marie has four great-grandmothers: Mrs. Elva Ruhl of Lexington and Mrs. Gene Gray of Hermiston on the father's side, and Mrs. Lucy Lehner and Mrs. Grace McQuarrie on the mother's side.

Spike Buck Taken From Dick Cabin

Whom do you trust? Ask Floyd Jones.

He downed a spike buck the opening day of deer hunting season and put on his tag with all thoughts turned to winning the binoculars for the smallest horns in the Little-Big horn contest sponsored by the joint Heppner and Lexington PTA's. And to keep it safe, Floyd delivered the buck to Mrs. Ed (Rachel) Dick, Heppner PTA president, at the Dick cabin in the mountains.

Unknown to him and to the Dicks, someone drove in early Sunday morning, loaded up the deer and drove off while the Dick family was eating breakfast.

When Game Warden Glen Ward talked to Floyd (he still did not know the deer had been stolen). Later, Floyd thought Glen was joking or someone had played a joke on him. But no joke, the deer is still missing and officials are on the lookout for it!

Hunters Fare Pretty Well Despite Tales of Woe

On the average, the deer hunter isn't a very optimistic fellow. Thus, the tales of woe that issue back from the hunting front are hardly upheld by the facts.

There are reports of a scarcity of deer, others declare that there are fewer bucks than last year, and so on, but the facts point out that most local people, at least, are having pretty good success in getting their bucks.

Central Market reported Thursday that it has 24 bucks in for cutting. Economy has 15, and Court Street Market 18.

Carl McDaniel was among the early birds (of course!). He said that he had his buck and was back in town by 8 a. m. Saturday. Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor of Assembly of God Church, was among the ones to score on opening day, but his partner, the Rev. Mel Dixon, Methodist, came home empty-handed.

All five in a party on the John Graves, including Pettyjohn and Graves ranch, including Petty-

john and Graves families, got their bucks, and it was reported that eight in the Frank Hamlin hunting party of 10 persons tagged deer. Among youthful hunters that tallied were young Jay Ball of Ione on his first trip, Frank Lovgren and Steve Pettyjohn, both 12 of Heppner.

Of course, there were many others. One man said that he saw at least 50 deer come out of the woods after listening to a report on the radio that only seven had been shot.

Oh, there were troubles. Someone stole Paul Jones' spike buck as it hung at the L. E. Dick cabin. Others were in the clutches of the law for game infractions. And one man lost his life after suffering a heart attack in the woods.

But rain came just right after a long drought to end dry conditions in the woods, and this brought joy not only to hunters but to foresters, too.

Tax Statements Ready for Mails

Property tax statements for 1962-63 are ready for mailing and may be placed in the mail tomorrow (Friday), Mrs. Alvira Irby of the county tax collector's office states.

The statements are ready early this year, 10 days ahead of the normal time of mailing, October 15. Property taxpayers have until November 15 to pay taxes to take advantage of rebates offered.

Those who have not already received rebates on 1961-62 taxes for the overpayment on the serial road tax levy will have these rebate checks included with the statements for this year.

Tax summaries explaining the millage levies, assessments and amount of tax for each taxing body will accompany the statements.



CO-CAPTAINS Ron Crabtree (43) and Marv Padberg (39) of the Ione Cardinals get a briefing from Coach Glenn Biehl on the forthcoming Umapine game, to be Friday at Ione at 2:30, the first home game. The Ione gridders have lost only one game in two seasons, that to Sisters in the state finals last year. (G-T Photo)

Cards Set Opener; Heppner Travels

Ione's Cardinals, with a record of two football wins against no defeats this season, open their home schedule Friday afternoon in a game against Umapine at 2:30 on the Ione turf. This is a league game, second for the Cards this season.

Heppner, meanwhile, will travel to Stanfield for a game. Coach Glenn Biehl of the Cards scouted Umapine Friday night when they played Echo and said that they have two good backs and show plenty of hustle. Their

scoring potential is good, and Coach Don Tank has provided them with a good variety of formations.

Umapine defeated Echo and Coach Biehl believes his team will have an afternoon's work to come out victorious Friday. Les Madden, halfback, is on the injured list and Marv Padberg has been sick.

After the Friday contest, Ione has three games left—a league game with Helix there on October 19, and a final league con-

test with Echo at Ione on October 26. The season ends with the Wishram tilt at Ione on November 2.

Against Stanfield, Coach Jim Sutherland of Heppner will be without the services of Doug Du-buque who is suffering from an injured knee. Another strong lineman, Dick Springer, has been ill this week and was on the doubtful list at midweek.

However, Coach Sutherland hopes to make it three victories in a row with the coming game.