

\$12 Million Spent on Search For Oil in State by Industry

The oil industry has spent over \$12 million in looking for oil in Oregon since 1953, a group of Oregon newsmen were told Friday by the chief west coast geologist for Humble Oil and Refining Company.

R. Mandy Touring, a resident of Eugene for eight years before moving to Los Angeles last year as Humble's area geologist, said \$12 million of this total amount represents the cost of acquiring and maintaining leases in Oregon during the last ten years. Most of this latter figure was paid to Oregon ranchers, farmers and other landowners.

Humble's expenditures in Oregon alone since 1953 have amounted to over \$3 million. "We have no profits to show for it, but this type of expenditure is required to discover new oil producing areas," Touring told the publishers and editors.

Touring was the principal speaker at a meeting held by Humble at the Benson Hotel in Portland for members of Oregon's newspapers. Touring talked about oil exploration in Oregon.

"Within the last two years, Humble has drilled four wildcats in Oregon—two east of the Cascades, and the others this year in the Willamette Valley," reported the speaker.

"All have been dry, of course," remarked Touring. "The two wells we drilled in Lake County cost slightly more than \$600,000. Our experience does not differ from that of the rest of the industry," he said.

The greatest interest by industry currently centers in western Oregon. "The industry is just getting started in its consideration of offshore oil producing

prospects," Touring said. "Water depths are a little shallower off the Oregon coast than off California." He interpreted this as a "plus" factor.

"Large amounts of risk money will be required for this exploration," Touring added.

"Oil and gas shows found in wells drilled in eastern Oregon still lead us to believe there are possibilities of finding oil in that portion of Oregon," confided Touring.

"Exploration in eastern Oregon will continue on a reduced scale until someone has a new idea which can be tested by drilling," the scientist predicted.

Humble co-hosts at the press meeting were R. E. Faggioli and R. D. Sloan, company area managers from Los Angeles and Denver, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, publishers of the Gazette-Times, were among the guests at the meeting.

Boardman Area Chosen as Site For High School

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At one time, when the matter came to a vote several months ago with a large number of Irri-gon residents in attendance the board came within one vote of selecting the Irri-gon site, deadlocking 3 to 3. Chairman Dick Wilkinson abstained from voting and the motion was defeated.

As stated in Mrs. Anderson's report, exact site for the school has not been chosen. Actual townsite for Boardman has not been finally decided upon at this time, and that may be relevant to the choice of the school site.

In making its decision, the committee went to the north end of the county to check the sites, went to Walla Walla to discuss the matter with the Army Corps of Engineers, and held a long committee session later to reach its conclusion.

The school board originally had hoped that Irri-gon and Boardman advisory committees could reach a decision on the site, but in view of their stalemate, it was put back in the hands of the board, eventually resulting in the setting up of the committee to study the matter.

Irri-gon had offered two sites, one known as the Patterson Ferry site and the other within the Irri-gon city limits and a short distance from the A. C. Houghton school. Supporters of the latter felt that some services of the two schools could be combined, such as the hot lunch program, resulting in some savings.

"Site B" located near the new highway interchange at the junction of the Bomba Range road with Interstate 80 has been one of those most prominently mentioned for the Boardman area, and another would be a site within the proposed townsite, located on high ground about a half-mile southeast of the present town.

Supt. Robert Van Houte pointed out that even if everything goes smoothly, it will be two years before the new Riverside High becomes a reality. It is figured that at least a year will be required for negotiations with the government. The Army Engineers will reimburse the district to replace existing facilities and an added sum was provided in a bond issue passed earlier this year to complete the job.

At the present time Riverside High also has classes for younger elementary children. Under the proposed plan of the board, they will go to Irri-gon when the adjustment is made.

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Ranchers Voice Interest on Rhea Creek Irrigation

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few benefits could be shown. He stressed the importance of showing a good benefit-cost ratio if the farmers wish to go ahead. At the present time, some 1600 acres are irrigated on the average of once per year, he estimated.

If the project proceeds favorably, it would be necessary for a planning party to study all sites for a dam or dams and pick the one felt best on a cost-benefit basis.

Denison suggested that the farmers should decide how many who own land on the creek would definitely be interested in irrigation. This led to a show of hands that was virtually unanimous among those present.

Some 10 or 12 farmers with property in the basin were not present. Denison also said that the steering committee should work closely with the Soil Conservation Service board of supervisors.

Sivley told of work of the Engineers on Willow Creek and said that studies were handicapped because of lack of information on water flows in past years. Creswick told of the survey taken among farmers on Willow Creek irrigation and suggested a similar method for the Rhea creek property owners.

Judge Peterson talked of the importance to irrigation to the county and emphasized the need to use all water available.

Some discussion centered on sites. It was tentatively suggested that a dam site that could impound 4000 acre feet of water would be necessary, but Ralph said that he had not seen any location that would provide this amount. It might take a series of dams to do the job.

Grant Union Next For Heppner Team

Riding a current three-game victory string, the Heppner High football team faces a tough opponent this week when it travels to John Day to meet the Grant Union eleven.

This will be the first league game for the Mustangs, and it will start at 8 p.m. on the John Day field. Grant Union is fresh from a 19-6 win over Sherman county (Moro) and the are pegged as one of the best squads in the league.

Coach Jim Sutherland points out that Grant Union is an extremely fast club, but with four games of experience in non-league competition, he feels his team is ready for them, except for injuries and illness.

Big Doug Dubuque is still out with an injury and will not see action against Grant Union. LeRoy Gardner, one of the mainstays in the backfield for the Mustangs, and Mike Lesser both have been on the sick list this week. Bill Cox hurt his shoulder at Stanfield and may be able to see only limited action. Gardner, it was reported Wednesday is definitely out of the John Day game, a real blow to Heppner hopes.

"All in all, we may be short-handed," the coach said. "The team will leave by bus from Heppner about 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Beginning with John Day, the Mustangs will find themselves in a rugged schedule. They return home for a game October 19 against Pilot Rock, which is also a league contest, then take on Burns here on October 26. Final action will be at Sherman County on November 2.

Heppner Ponies lost their second out of three games to the Ione Cardinals today (Thursday).

Two Justice Court Trials Scheduled

Two trials are scheduled for justice court of J. O. Hager in the county courthouse next week. R. B. Rands, Boardman justice of the peace, is charged with assault and battery on complaint signed by Charlotte Amos Aherson, Boardman, and trial date is Monday, October 15. He entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and posted \$300 bail.

Trial of Howard Junior Keyes, Woodburn, charged with being a non-resident using a resident hunter's license, is set for Wednesday, October 17, also in justice court. He, too, entered plea of not guilty.

Cases disposed of in justice court here recently are as follows: John Russell Moorehouse, Hermiston, failure to tag deer, fined \$95; Richard Lewis Sether, Portland, shooting from a public highway, fined \$50 and costs; LaVern Loyd McGowan, Heppner, failure to stop at stop sign, fined \$15.

Irrigon School Near Completion

Addition to the A. C. Houghton elementary school in Irri-gon is nearing completion, and Principal Don Olschmidt told the board of directors of Morrow county schools Monday night that the new structure should be in use by November 1.

The addition, which will house library, multipurpose room, several classrooms and auxiliary rooms, is being built by Bechtel Bros. of La Grande, who also built Unit-A in Heppner.

Open house will be set in the addition for some date in November, Olschmidt said.

Meanwhile, progress is going forward speedily on the Heppner-Lexington high school building with The Timber Company of Hermiston as contractors. Excavation is completed and footings are being poured. Supt. Robert Van Houte reported to the board.

"They attacked the job with vigor and they hope to get under cover by the brisk part of winter," Van Houte said. The Timber Co. was awarded the contract on its bid of \$546,289 on September 18.

School Principals Attend Conclaves

Morrow county high school principals attended the conference of secondary principals in Corvallis Monday and Tuesday of this week and elementary school principals will meet in Salem at the Marion hotel on Monday and Tuesday, October 15 and 16.

Making the trip to Corvallis were Principals Gordon Pratt of Heppner, Gene Harryman of Ione and Ron Daniels of Riverside. Much of the conference was devoted to certification.

Planning to attend the forthcoming meeting are Principals Hillard Brown of Heppner, Leonard Herrick of Ione and Don Olschmidt of Irri-gon.

Five hundred elementary principals are expected to be at the Salem meeting. They will hear speakers, discuss major issues of education and conduct business of the state association.

Methodist Men Bill Juvenile Counsellor

Charles Knox, Morrow county juvenile counsellor, will speak to members of the Methodist Men at their regular monthly breakfast meeting in the church Sunday morning at 7:45. He will discuss his work with juveniles and the plan of organization for juvenile work in Morrow county.

School Board Hears Report On Measure 10

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Orville Cutsforth appeared before the board and asked that it establish a policy that students who are married may not participate in social activities and athletic programs of the schools. Consideration of the matter was deferred until the board holds a policy meeting, scheduled for the near future, to discuss all matters of policy preparatory to compiling them for permanent reference.

Darrel Reisch, director of special services, presented a matter on the Rhea creek bus route. In reaching children there, the bus makes a loop through Sanford canyon and Rhea creek road. Two families have requested that the bus go one way around the loop that would permit their first grade children to arrive home earlier in the evening. Going the other way brings more children home earlier but they are of older age. After considerable discussion the matter was turned over to a committee composed of Reisch and Directors Dick, Martin and Dick Wilkinson. It will also determine if it is necessary for the bus to wait 15 minutes to make connections with the Hardman bus as has been contended, and to investigate another contention that the spot where students are transferred from one bus to another is dangerous.

Bid of Guy Sweet Company for science equipment for the new Heppner-Lexington High school was accepted at \$3,558.35. This was the bid submitted to The Timber Co. and was the low among all bids submitted. Included are instructors' demonstration desks, student laboratory tables, table assemblies, laboratory wall sink, aquarium, glassware pegboard and key storage case.

Resignation of Bob DeSpain as custodian at Ione was accepted by the board and Mike Mathews was appointed in his place. DeSpain, who held the position for about five years, plans to take over a bakery truck route in the county.

The board also voted to authorize that secretarial help at lone schools be increased from half-time to full time, thus providing for a part time secretary in the office of the elementary school as well as part time in the high school.

A definite pay scale for substitute bus drivers and activity bus drivers was set up. This was in accordance with the going rate, but it had never been definitely established as a set scale for the district before.

Warren McCoy of Irri-gon was reappointed to the budget committee from Irri-gon but choice of a member from Heppner was deferred until a recommendation may be made. These two are the only vacancies to be filled on the committee this year.

A letter was read from Standard Oil Co. stating although the company was low bidder on gas-

Martins Announce Birth of Grandson

Lieut. and Mrs. Jay Wheelhouse (the former Janice Martin) are parents of a son, Greg Allen, born Tuesday, October 9, at Williams Air Force Base hospital, New Mexico, where Lt. Wheelhouse is stationed. The baby weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz., and is their first child.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin, Heppner, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wheelhouse of Olex. Great-grandparents include Mrs. Jim McKinney and Mrs. Hortense Martin, both of Portland; A. W. McLeod, Lexington and John Turpin of Woodland, Wn.

The Randall Martins are leaving this week to spend a few days in New Mexico with their daughter and family.

'Sew With Wool' Contest October 27

The annual "Make It Yourself With Wool" home sewing contest district finals have been set for October 27 in Pendleton, according to Mrs. Clint Lewis, Umatilla-Morrow district chairman, and girls are now encouraged to participate in it.

The district contest, she explains, is the first step in the 16th national contest that offers some \$40,000 in awards including scholarships, sewing machines, savings bonds, and the top prize of all, a vacation trip

to the Island State of Hawaii. All girls between the ages of 13 and 21 are eligible. Blanks are available from Mrs. Lewis or Mrs. Robert Hoskins, Ione

oline for the district, its local distributor, Ed Dick, will not receive any commission nor compensation. This is due to provision of Oregon law that states that an official connected with a governmental body may not have a mercenary interest in business transactions of that body.

Fred Witherell, accountant, reported on the audit of the district and went over the audit in some detail. He said that the money is being properly handled, that an over-realization of receipts of \$9000 above the budget estimate for 1961-62 is "fairly close" when the board is dealing with sums as large as it is, and that the board underexpended its general fund by some \$16,000. He pointed out that the cash balance has increased. Everyone who should be bonded is bonded, the accountant said.

Action also was taken by the board to authorize the clerk and chairman to borrow \$100,000 for operations in the 1962-63 fiscal year to provide for expenses incurred until tax monies are turned over to the district after November 15.

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Annual Speech Contest Slated

Five Heppner High school boys and girls will participate in the annual Conservation Speech Contest which will be held at the multipurpose room in Heppner at 8:00 p.m., October 23. Contestants are finalists who have developed their speeches on Water Conservation in an Oregon Soil Conservation District.

Members participating are from the Heppner High school speech class and vocational agricultural department. First place winner will participate in an area contest where winners of several soil conservation district contests will vie for semifinals. The winner of the semifinals will go to state finals as a part of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation District's annual meeting at Eugene on November 8.

Home from Hospital

Miss Leta Humphreys is convalescing at her home following major surgery at the Emanuel hospital, Portland, on September 24. She was released from the hospital last Thursday and arrived at her home here Tuesday afternoon, showing very satisfactory recovery.

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