

Willow Creek Dam Draws Strong Favor at Hearing

District R-1 Board Talks Of Budget

Preliminary planning for the 1963-64 school budget and a wide variety of other matters were considered by the board of directors of Morrow county school district R-1 at its January meeting Monday night.

The meeting followed a budget committee session held last week at which time possibilities of shifting some school enrollments in the interests of economy and better school efficiency were considered.

These matters were discussed again at the board meeting with alternative proposals offered for the Lexington grade school and elementary pupils at Boardman and Irrigon. (See editorial, page 2).

Proposals under consideration on a tentative basis for Lexington are: 1. Use two teachers, shift fourth and fifth grades and first grade or second grades to Heppner, have each teacher handle 20-22 students, use the two remaining teachers in the Heppner elementary. Consider closing the Lexington cafeteria. Part-time custodian.

2. Close the Lexington school, transfer all students and teachers to Heppner. Keeping all teachers for places in other parts of the system would mean no savings in this department, but savings on closing the plant, less cost of transporting the students, would mean savings of about \$2500. If teachers were not transferred, an additional saving of \$17,500 would result.

3. Make no changes in teaching staff. Part-time custodian. Consider cafeteria operations.

After short discussion on these points, Director D. O. Nelson moved that nothing be done until the board arranges a meeting with school patrons at Lexington and with the advisory committee. This was approved.

As to the Boardman-Irrigon problem, there were also three proposals on the agenda: 1. Send all elementary students to Irrigon, using teachers for replacements in Irrigon, Heppner and Ione. This would result in savings of about \$15,000.

2. Move fifth and sixth grades to Irrigon, transfer one teacher to Irrigon. Net saving of about \$6,000.

3. Make no changes. Director Bob Sicard stated the opinion that no move should be made with the elementary children there until the new Riverside high school is built. "We would be sacrificing more than we save," he said. He added that he was afraid that Boardman people would vote almost solidly against the 1963-64 school budget if the change were made now.

Both Riverside and A. C. Houghton administrators, Ron Daniels and Don Olmscheid, said they felt the fifth and sixth grades would benefit by a better educational program if classes in the two towns were combined.

The district approved sale of the Hardman school and property to the newly-formed Hardman Community Center at the token price of \$1. The property is to be used for civic purposes. H. C. Lesley is chairman of the new center and other officers are John Graves, Mrs. Percy Cecil, Mrs. H. C. Lesley, Esley Walker, Mrs. Esley Walker and Dean Graves. Herman Winter, attorney, was there to represent the center in completing the transaction.

He also represented Paul Brown in asking transfer of deed to a small parcel of property on Brown's ranch back to his client. The deed was given in 1892 for the 120x80 ft. plot and was designated to be used for school purposes only, or to revert back to the property owners. A motion approved the transfer.

The board voted to exercise its option on an alternate under the contract with The Timber Co.

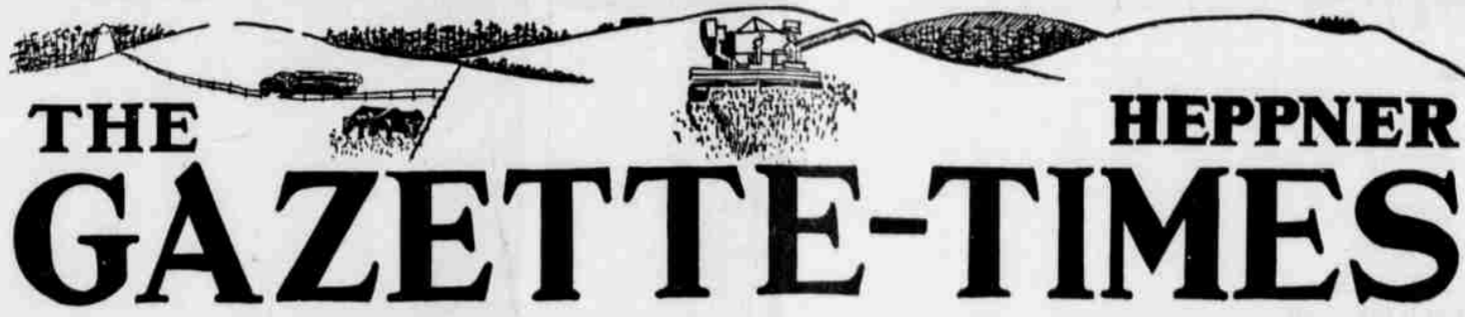
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Morrow Cities Show Some Growth

Four of five Morrow county cities showed population growths during the period April 1, 1960, to July 1, 1962, according to a report from the Oregon State Board of Census.

Heppner gained 30 persons during the period, and climbed from 1661 to 1691, the report showed, an increase of 1.8%. Irrigon registered the best gain with 6% although only 12 new residents were added, climbing from 232 to 246. Ione climbed from 350 to 365, an increase of 4.3%, and Boardman picked up four residents, from 153 to 157 for a 2.6% growth.

Lexington was the only town to decline, dropping to 236 from 240, a decrease of 1.7%. While the urban population climbed to 2,695 from 2,636, the residents outside incorporated areas decreased to 1,991 from 2,235, a decrease of 10.9%. As a result of the rural decrease, total population of the county dropped to 4,686 from 4,871, or a 3.8% decline.

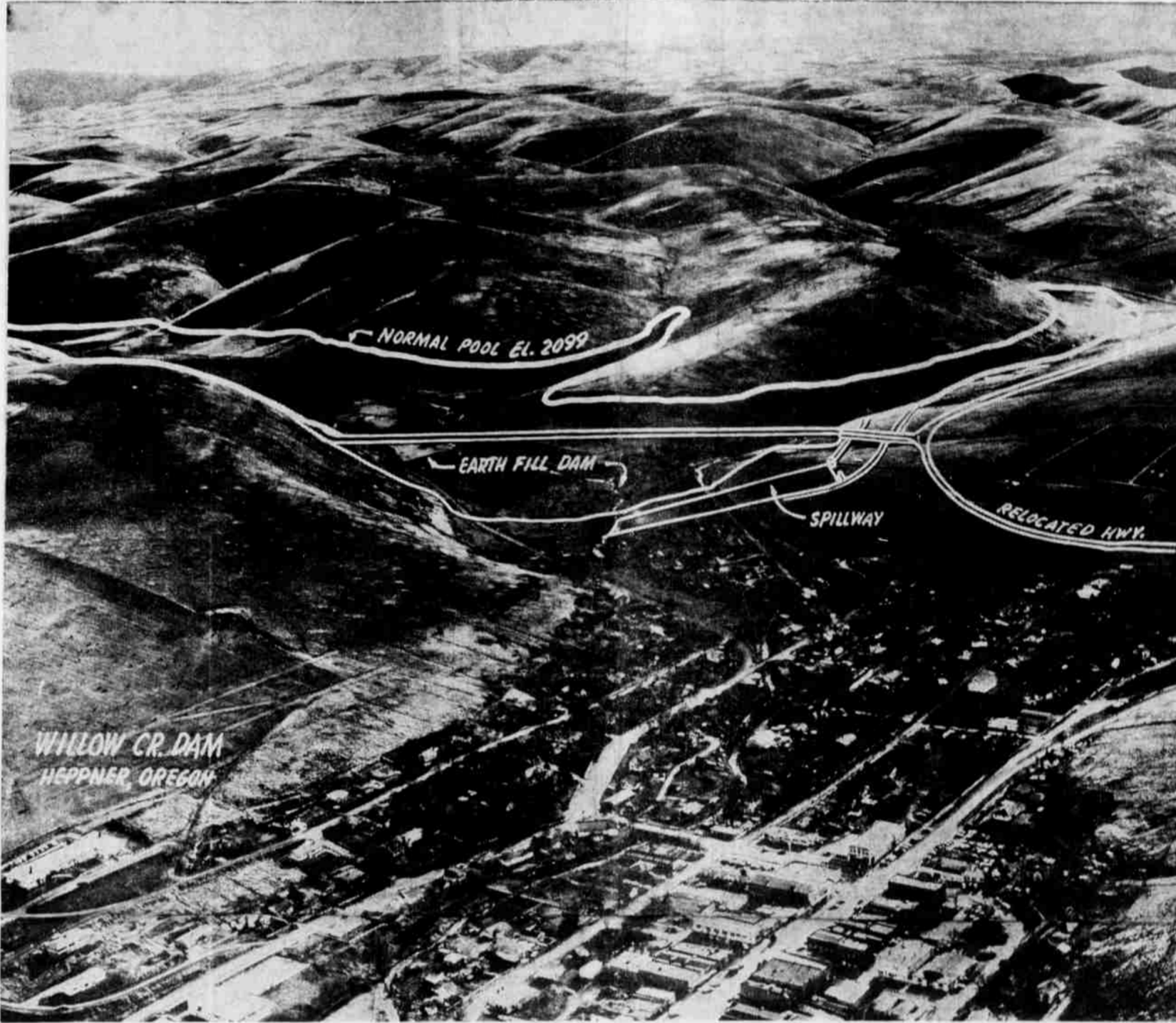


Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, January 17, 1963

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LOCATION of the proposed Willow Creek dam and an idea of the magnitude of the \$6 million project are shown in this aerial photo of Heppner with the outline of the dam superimposed. The photo shows how the city is susceptible to floods in time of heavy runoff from Balm Fork, extending to the right, and from Willow Creek to the left. Relocated highway is shown. It would cross the top of the earth-

fill dam and continue up Willow creek, with a branch (center, right) going up Balm Fork. Spillway of the dam would be 300 feet wide and would feed back into the Willow Creek channel. The photo, by the way, was taken in December, 1962.

All But Two Give Talks For Project

Strong support from all but two persons was given the Willow Creek project at the public hearing of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the elementary school multipurpose room here Monday. Only Steve Thompson, who with his son Terry Thompson, owns land on which the dam and reservoir would be located, and Dick Krebs, rancher whose place is on Willow Creek in the northern part of the county, testified against the project.

Some 22 others, ranging from those whose memory dates back to the 1903 flood to representatives of governmental agencies,

Dam Photo Displayed In Courthouse Lobby

A large area view of Heppner, with drawing of the proposed Willow Creek Dam and reservoir superimposed on it, is on display in the lobby of the courthouse for all to see, Judge Oscar Peterson said.

The enlarged photo, some 5x7 feet in size, was shown at the public hearing Monday. Army Engineers left it for the public to view.

appeared to testify in favor of the proposed \$6 million project or submitted statements which were read at the hearing. Many other written statements were turned in at the hearing and others had been sent directly to the Army Corps.

Among speakers at the hearing were W. S. (Sam) Miller, Heppner district ranger, U. S. Forest Service; Judge Oscar Peterson, on behalf of the county; Mayor Al Lamb representing the city and Congressman Al Ullman; Oliver Creswick, who presented a Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce resolution, read a letter from Mrs. Frank S. Parker, eyewitness to the 1903 flood, and gave his own statement; Orville Cutsforth, bringing supporting statements from the Lexington Grange, the Morrow County Pomona Grange, and the county parks commission; Krebs, who said that a poll of potential water users among the farmers that he had conducted.

Robert Van Houle, Morrow county school superintendent, who said that he feels the project would provide more occupational opportunities for students completing school here; Ken Peck, rancher, who supported the project as a citizen; Thompson, who said that the 63% flood protection to be offered by the dam would not be sufficient to eliminate flood threats and that the dam would engulf the ranch that could not be replaced; Clarence Rosewall, who supported the project on behalf of the Morrow County Planning and Zoning commission, on the basis of flood control, irrigation and recreation benefits.

Bob Corthell, biologist, Oregon State Game Commission, who said it would have much value for fish runs and population and said that the commission would cooperate in developing its fish potential and wildlife to the fullest extent; Ronald D. Ogden, biologist, Bureau of Sports, Fisheries and Wildlife, who told of studies on wildlife taken in connection with the project; Mrs. Bill Heath, who brought a supporting resolution from the American Legion auxiliary; Frank S. Parker, who told of floods that had occurred or threatened his home in the past 60 years; Herb Hynd, representing Hynd Bros., of northern Morrow county who said that the company is very much in favor of many aspects of the dam but is concerned about their water rights and other points in connection with irrigation.

Russell Doran, Hermiton Chamber of Commerce, who said that recreation and irrigation would be of benefit not only to Morrow county but also to the west end of Umatilla county; D. C. Mahoney, executive secretary, Izak Walton league, Pendleton, who supported the project but asked for ample access to the lake line and sufficient water level be maintained for wildlife protection; William F. Sipfle,

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Cards Face Two Games This Week

Now in gear with four straight victories in league play, the lone High school basketball team has two games away from home this week-end.

The Cards go to Umatilla Friday night for a league contest there, the first meeting of the teams this year, and Saturday night they travel to Arlington for a return game. The Cardinals defeated Arlington earlier in the year. This is a non-league battle.

Currently Ione has a 4-3 record in the Umatilla-Morrow B circuit, having lost to Weston, Riverside and Athena in a row before hitting the victory trail.

Stock Growers Panel Agrees On Dislike of Property Taxes

Seven panelists who participated in a discussion of "Taxes—Today and Tomorrow" Friday in a highlighting session of the Morrow County Livestock Growers' association annual meeting agreed at least on one point: They had few good words for the property tax.

Fifty-five ranchers and businessmen heard the discussion that lasted about four hours. Panelists were L. E. Dick and Jim Farley, representing local businesses; Allen Nistad of Kinzua Corporation; Fred Hoefke, member of the State Tax Commission; Senator Lloyd Key of Umatilla county; Dr. Grant Blanch, department of agricultural economics, Oregon State university; and Raymond French, rancher, who also acted as moderator.

The Friday afternoon meeting at the fair annex here followed the morning's colt training demonstration put on by Jim Gorman, Gorman Training Stables, Walla Walla, Wn. Thirty-five interested persons braved sub-zero weather to watch the event and agreed that Gorman had an uncanny way with colts in getting them to respond to his training procedure.

Many ranchers were forced to stay home to attend calving herds Saturday, but despite this, a fair attendance was on hand to participate in the sessions at the Elks temple.

Balloting during the afternoon resulted in election of Frank Anderson, Bob Peterson, Ron Currin and Bob Van Scholack as directors to serve for three-year terms. Peterson was elected to replace Jerry Brosnan, and the others were reelected. Officers will be chosen at the first meeting of the executive committee to be January 22.

President Ron Currin presented the Livestockmen of the Year award, the traditional Hereford statuette, to Hynds Bros. of Cecil at the climaxing annual banquet at the fair pavilion Saturday night. Again the cold temperatures reduced attendance, with about 100 present. Entertainment was by Lorraine Leon-

nig and Judy Hamilton, playing and singing a duet. Jim Hill, manager of Pendleton Grain Growers, was featured speaker. "Animal industry and agriculture are predicated on natural resources," he said. "Your 'critter' is a factory that makes grass into meat."

Hill said, "We cannot continue to ignore, waste and use resources we have in our hands." Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, were honored as Premier Beef exhibitors at the 1962 Mor-

row County fair and also received a Hereford Statuette.

Mrs. Pat Brindle, outgoing president of the CowBelles, presented Mrs. Mary Doherty as new president. Raymond French was toastmaster at the banquet, which was served by the Lexington grange.

In the panel discussion on taxes Friday afternoon, French opened the session by declaring that "property taxes are most unfair," and he found little ar-

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State Highway Crew Finds Skull, Bones On Hinton Project

A state highway road crew uncovered a human skull and other bones Tuesday while widening a curve on the Hinton creek highway near the Albert Connor place about six miles from Heppner.

They brought the skull to Dr. L. D. Tibbles, medical examiner. His opinion is that it is that of an Indian being so identified by high cheek bones. He apparently was a very old man at time of death. All teeth had been gone for some years before his death, for bones in the mouth were smoothed over.

The skull was not damaged, indicating no blow to the head, and the doctor surmises that the man had been buried for many years.

Dr. Tibbles said that this is about the fifth such skeleton that has been uncovered in the past 10 years.

Dr. McMurdo Heads Staff at Hospital

Dr. A. D. McMurdo was elected president of the medical staff at Pioneer Memorial hospital at a meeting of the staff December 26. Dr. L. D. Tibbles is vice president and Dr. H. S. Huber is secretary-treasurer. Dr. Wallace Wolf is retiring president of the hospital.

Wave of Breaks Beset Residents; Left Arms Jinxed

A rash of broken bones took the area by storm over the week-end. As physicians got one patient taken care of, another one was waiting in line.

To start the whole thing off, Gladys Beckett entertained her pinocle club and slipped while getting up to get coffee. She fractured a small bone in the ankle in the mishap Friday afternoon. Thinking she had only a sprained ankle, she continued to play and won high score!

Saturday afternoon Thelma Smethurst was helping husband, Bill, chase calves on their Thorn Hollow ranch when she slipped and fell, breaking her left arm at the wrist. And waiting in line, with a fracture of the left arm at the wrist, was Steven Lane, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Robert Cossitt, Lexington. The young fellow was sliding down a hill when the accident occurred.

As the "disease" spread, Sunday morning the Pirl Howells went to Bull Prairie to do some ice skating. Mrs. Howell (Verna) put on her new skates and took off, for a spill that is, which caused a fracture of the arm at the wrist. She was determined to learn to ice skate and even borrowed her granddaughter's (Marsha Sowell) roller skates to practice on her kitchen floor the week before. She even was heard to say she was going to learn if she had to "break an arm in the attempt."

Note that this "disease" appeared only in the left arms at the wrists until Nancy Ann Pettyjohn, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pettyjohn, Ione, fractured both bones below the elbow of the right arm. The accident happened as she was running during the noon hour at the lone school Wednesday.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	13	-11	—
Friday	6	-8	—
Saturday	18	0	—
Sunday	40	18	—
Monday	46	33	—
Tuesday	43	30	.01
Wednesday	48	24	—

One inch of snow fell

Entries Urged For Soroptimist Citizenship Award

The second Soroptimist Foundation Citizenship Award Contest is announced by Mrs. Jim Hager, president of the Soroptimist club of Heppner. She says that this international contest is open to all high school seniors who will graduate in June, 1963. After qualifying for the preliminary citizenship awards to be presented by the Soroptimist club of Heppner, the students may win one of the Soroptimist district citizenship awards; one of the Soroptimist regional citizenship awards; and then vie with candidates chosen by other Soroptimist regions throughout the nine nations comprising the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc., for the grand prize of \$2500.

The Soroptimist Foundation Citizenship award is given in recognition of outstanding service in the home, in the school, and in the community. Each candidate must be of good moral character, and must submit substantiating evidence in the form of letters from three adults. In addition, the student is to write a short essay of 250 words on "My Responsibility as a Citizen." Applications with rules governing the contest may be obtained from Mrs. Roice Fulleton. All entries must be in the mail no later than January 31. They are to be mailed to Mrs. Fulleton, Heppner. For further information telephone her at 676-9921.

Lamb Back Home

Al Lamb returned from the balmy climate of Florida Friday after attending the meeting of the National Farmer Cooperatives at Miami during the week. He had left the previous Friday. It was quite a change to come from 75 degree temperature in Florida to the sub-zero weather being experienced here, but perhaps he brought some warmer weather with him for the mercury shot up here soon after. Lamb reports a very good meeting with the cooperative organization.