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More Facts Sought On Irrigation Plan

More facts are needed on the irrigation feature of the proposed Willow Creek multipurpose dam project to give potential irrigators a better opportunity to study possible benefits to them, it was decided at a meeting in the courthouse Monday afternoon.

The informal session found two officials of the Bureau of Reclamation and two from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers present to discuss the irrigation proposal with a county committee that had been named to investigate the irrigation potential.

Coming from Spokane as representatives of the Bureau were Rupert Spearman, engineer, and Lee Robison, agricultural economist. Coming from Walla Walla were Niel Meadowcroft and Major E. J. Williams Jr., deputy district engineer.

Representing local ranchers were Lewis Halvorsen, Herb Hynd, Ken Palmer, Earl Evans, Dick Wilkinson, and C. C. Jones. Also present were Oliver Creswick, development chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and Clarence Rosewall.

Judge Oscar Peterson presided at the meeting.

Now that the Willow Creek project has been approved by the Engineer district, the session was held to determine what steps should be taken now towards the irrigation feature, upon which the culmination of the entire project may hinge. Without irrigation in the project, it is quite likely, Robison pointed out, that the cost-benefit ratio would not be sufficient to warrant construction of the dam.

All agreed at the conclusion of the meeting that more definite information needs to be obtained to help ranchers make their plans on the matter.

Contacts will be made with the Water Resources Board to help gain these facts.

Spearman reviewed information from studies to date, pointing out that a potential 3900 acres could be irrigated from the dam, as compared with 2750 now being irrigated. A total of 7900 acre feet of the dam's storage would be allotted to irrigation. This could produce an average of 6600 acre feet, and with return flow to the creek after irrigation, the average annual yield is estimated at 8400 acre feet available.

Question posed by Hynd concerning early spring or late winter irrigation, now being done, brought up one of many matters that would require further study. As contemplated in the project, water would be in process of storage early in the year and there would not be as much available for irrigation as at present at this season. However, Rhea Creek furnishes some supply, bringing water into Willow creek above lone. Spearman said that he felt that having the stored water available when the creek is normally low, in summer, would bring much greater benefits than the more inefficient early spring irrigation.

Robison said that in setting up an irrigation district, studies would need to be made of the irrigators' payment ability. Tentative figures are that the water would cost \$3 per acre foot. Water users would not be required to pay the entire cost of that part of the project charged to irrigation, and Robison estimated that here it would probably only represent about 25% of the cost. Remainder of the project's irrigation feature would come from federal power revenue. The district would pay over a 50-year period.

Based on the potential of 8400 acre feet, the users would pay \$25,200 per year, or, over the 50-year period, \$1,260,000. Benefits are tentatively figured at \$13,300 per acre per year. Deducting \$3,100 as cost of operation of the district, net benefits would be \$108,600 annually, or \$5,430,000 over the 50-year period.

Robison said, in reply to a question, that those who don't want to become a part of the project may be left out if they so choose.

"We have more land than water," he said.

In "bad" years— or years of drought—provision could be made to reduce the payments, but it is probable that they might have to be made up in "good" years, it was pointed out.

Signup is made on the basis of irrigable acres for each farm. Existing water rights would be protected. The district would sell only storable water—that portion of its allocation in the dam after users were satisfied to the extent of their rights from the flow of the creek. Thus, the storable water would be over and above existing water rights.

Hynd said that the county has been very lax on water. He said that farmers often took the view that a watermaster would hinder

their operations but said that it is possible that under normal conditions one wouldn't be a hindrance but a help.

The visiting officials pointed out that it is not the policy of the Bureau of Reclamation to force anyone into a project. There must be enough interest to make it feasible, however, before it can be undertaken.

Hynd expressed the opinion that the farmers wanted time to study the matter and did not want to be crowded into a project without knowing all angles. "If everything is laid out favorably, and they are given time to think about it, they may go," he said.

A question brought out that repayment ability of the farmers is based on their present cropping. It is possible that with the water available, the farmers might go into other more profitable crops than they have now with additional benefits to them.

Meadowcroft said that if Congress approves the Engineers' report and issues an authorizing document, it means essentially that it is saying, "We agree this is a good project." He said following the meeting that it could be expected that six years would be required to see the project culminated if all goes on schedule.

The Bureau of Reclamation would need to have complete data on water supply, water rights, costs and other information by 1966.

Kenneth Robinson Again to Head Cancer Crusade

Rev. Kenneth Robinson of Heppner, pastor of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches, will serve again this year as chairman of the Morrow county crusade for the American Cancer Society's Oregon division, according to George A. D. Kerr, Portland banker and state crusade chairman.

The crusade is held during April, which has been designated as Cancer Control month by the U. S. congress.

In accepting the appointment, the Rev. Mr. Robinson said his "concern is seeing that adequate financing is available for continued research against cancer."

Kerr urged everyone to "unite in the fight against cancer by giving generously to the cancer society." He said funds raised in the crusade will be used to finance the society's programs in education and service as well as research.

"Cancer is giving way, slowly but surely, to the world-wide attack against it," said Kerr, a senior vice-president of the U. S. National Bank. "A generation ago, fewer than one in 5 persons were saved from cancer while today we are saving one in three."

WEATHER			
	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	53	30	—
Friday	56	28	—
Saturday	63	33	—
Sunday	68	38	—
Monday	76	42	—
Tuesday	83	42	.10
Wednesday	53	31	—

Total precipitation for month of March was .82 inch.

Democratic Candidates Speak at Party Meeting

Democratic party candidates discussed their platforms and qualifications among friends Monday night at a county central committee-sponsored meeting at the old city library in Heppner. Some 30 persons attended the session.

Chairman Al Lamb presided, and speakers included Martin Buchanan of Milton-Freewater, candidate for state representative from the 28th district; four candidates for county judge, Frank Hamlin, Bill Weatherford, Paul Jones and Haskell Sharrard; Mrs. Sadie Parrish, incumbent candidate for county clerk; and Max Jones, Irrigon, candidate for commissioner.

The chairman, before introducing the candidates, said that the party would make no recommendations among its aspirants for the primary but said that the party feels it is entitled to the full support of those running for office.

Buchanan said that he believes the next session of the legislature will be one of the most important this state has ever had.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP certificates from Union Pacific Railroad, each worth \$200, bring smiles from Kenneth C. Wright (left), Heppner, and Phillip R. Hagedorn, Hermiston. UP said the vocational agriculture students were outstanding in academic and community achievements in their counties. Railroad has granted over 9200 scholarships to 4-H and FFA girls and boys.

Highway Board Asks Bridge Bids

Bids on construction of a new highway bridge over Willow Creek on Main street in Heppner and improvement of the bridge over Hinton Creek will be received by the Oregon State Highway Commission at its meeting Tuesday, April 21, according to information from the Commission's public relations office.

The project includes structures, grading and paving. Existing bridge over Hinton Creek will be widened, a new bridge will be constructed over Willow Creek, and the .15 mile of highway between these bridges will be reconstructed.

Work is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1964.

This project is one of 25 projects for which bids will be received at the April 21 meeting. Total cost of all the projects is estimated at \$4,500,000.

Reconstruction of the Willow Creek bridge, particularly, is a project long-awaited here to relieve the sharp angle of the existing narrow bridge. The area encompassing the two structures has been felt a hazard not only to vehicular traffic but to pedestrians, particularly school children, as well.

Follow-up Speech Clinic Scheduled

Announcement is made of a follow-up speech clinic for grade school children on Saturday, April 4, at the Heppner and Lone grade schools. Ernest H. Cristler, Jr., director of special education in the Umatilla county schools is in charge of the clinic which is sponsored jointly by the Morrow county school district and Morrow county health department.

Students referred by their teachers have been scheduled and parents and teachers notified of the appointment time and asked to be present.

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He said that education was one of the big losers in the tax program defeat in October, and it was a blow to higher education.

He stressed the importance of Blue Mountain community college and declared that its retraining program "can be of tremendous help" in helping find places for those young people who do not go to the state's major higher institutions. Buchanan said that he would like to see a tax program adopted that would continue to envision the community college.

A tax program should be fair, equitable and sensible, he said. It will be necessary to broaden the tax base, and the candidate said that he would like to see property relieved of some of its tax burden.

Economic development in this area is very important, he emphasized.

He envisioned the possibility of light metals and electronics plants being developed around the Boeing complex in the future and said the industry is sorely needed because local economy is

Ballots Printed For Primary Vote; Nearly Yard Long

Ballots for the primary election in Morrow county were printed by the Gazette-Times last week and were delivered to Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, Monday.

Both Democratic and Republican ballots are 30 inches long and 12 inches wide, more than half the space on each being devoted to candidates for the national conventions and for national committeemen and committeewomen.

A smaller quantity of sample ballots were printed for distribution to those who wish to study the ballots in advance. They will also be published in the Gazette-Times in early May.

At the same time separate ballots were printed for the college bond issue and for judicial candidates, the latter being non-partisan.

Showboat Squad To Play at Lone

Although baseball season is now opening, basketball fans will be given a final treat next Thursday night when the Harlem Showboats meet the Heppner-Lone All-Stars in a casaba game in the Lone High gym slated to start at 7:30 p.m. The proceeds from the tilt will go to the activities fund of Lone High school.

The Showboats are billed as "the craziest basketball team in the world" and promise to give the fans an evening of basketball at its zaniest.

Going against the Harlem five will be local cagers who have a lot of time on the ball court themselves. Many of the players on the Heppner-Lone All-Star squad played for high schools in the area while others have seen college experience. The roster for the local squad includes Francis Rea, Keith Rea, Bob Cantonwine, Harley Sager, Wayne Ball, Eugene Doekter, Dave Barnett, Lindsay Kincaid, Les Matthews, Clint Agee, Berl Akers Jr. and Dick Strait.

Admission for the scrap is \$1.25 for adults and \$.50 for children.

Many Relatives Reported Safe After Alaska Quake

Hours of anxiety among relatives and friends here awaiting news of loved ones who went through the Alaska earthquake have been relieved with reports drifting back of their safety.

As of press time, letters were starting to come in with vivid accounts of the disaster. Some of those well known in Morrow county have been hard hit with property losses, but there was no word of any injury to them.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, home services chairman of the Morrow county Red Cross, has been busy taking and receiving messages to and from concerned relatives. Some of the communications have been relayed by telephone in the middle of the

Special Collection To Help Stricken

Special collection will be taken by the Methodist church on Sunday, April 12, with the money to go to relief in Alaska, the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor, said.

The collection will be taken through all the Methodist churches in the Oregon conference at the request of Bishop A. Raymond Grant.

night from telegrams arriving. He said about 10 families have requested information through the Red Cross and almost every-

one has been accounted for. The Rev. Dixon said that he received a report from Alaska early this week that the Charles Willard family is safe, but he did not receive information as to their local connections so did not know who to advise.

Telegrams received by Frank Turner on Monday brought news from his daughter and other relatives in Valdez, Anchorage and Fairbanks of their safety. His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Huddleston and daughter Sally lived in Valdez, which was 80% damaged. They were evacuated from their home and moved north to Copper Center. A granddaughter, Alice Huddleston, is attending the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, and reported unharmed. Another granddaughter, Mrs. Harry Sloper and family, live in Anchorage and their home is not badly damaged, according to the family reports. A call from Mrs. Huddleston early Thursday to her father said she

Red Cross Drive Only At One-Third of Goal

Fund campaign of the Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, is just over one-third of the way towards its \$1200 goal, Mrs. Matt (Joan) Hughes, drive chairman, reported Wednesday.

As of that time \$437.82 had been reported. Mrs. Hughes is doing most of the solicitation in the business section of Heppner herself, and said that she has contacted a large percentage of the establishments.

In lone, Mrs. Gar Swanson has agreed to help with the drive, and Mrs. Frank Marlowe in Boardman is assisting there.

Officially, Red Cross month ended Tuesday, March 31, but because of the late start here, the work will be continued until completed. With only one-third collected, the chairman was not very optimistic about reaching the goal. Full cooperation of the public will be necessary to attain it, and it is important to reach the quota if the county wishes to keep its chapter here.

Those who have not been contacted are urged to mail contributions to Mrs. Hughes, either to her home in Heppner or to M&M Company in Heppner.

Importance of a local chapter was emphasized this week when the Rev. Mel Dixon was called upon by some 10 families to seek information concerning relatives in Alaska.

Home service facilities of the Red Cross provide help with personal and other family problems and extends financial assistance to servicemen's families for basic, immediate needs when unexpected emergencies arise.

Mrs. H. J. Strober, information chairman, issued some statistics for the year 1962-63, from the Red Cross across the nation. Servicemen's families helped each month totaled 92,100; organized recreation events for patients in military hospitals each month totaled 7,500; servicemen participating each month in center and clubmobile recreational activities overseas totaled 85,400.

In the same year there were 352 Red Cross disaster relief operations and 129,000 victims were given emergency care. Families given post-disaster assistance with rehabilitation numbered 19,800. Also, 5000 homes were rebuilt or repaired.

In the blood program, 2,638,200 pints of blood were distributed and 1,229,200 units of gamma globulin were distributed without charge.

A total of 66,000 first aid courses were conducted in the year and 1,098,900 certificates were awarded for completing one or more first aid courses.

In water safety, 2,152,200 certificates were awarded to individuals completing water safety courses, and 101,300 volunteer instructors participated.

For the past 10 years the annual expenditures of the Red Cross have ranged from \$86,000,000 a year to \$116,000,000 a year. Although the Red Cross has responsibilities defined by law, it is not supported by government funds. It receives its support from the voluntary contributions of the American people.

College Leader To Speak at PTA

Bob Hawk, director of the technical school at Blue Mountain College, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Heppner PTA Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Heppner Elementary multipurpose room.

He will discuss the importance of the college bond issue on which voters will cast ballots at the time of the primary election, May 15.

Paper to Print Letters Next Week

Letters from relatives of local people, arriving too late for publication this week, will be printed in the Gazette-Times next week to give additional details of the Alaskan earthquake.

The paper would welcome any letters which give graphic accounts of the disaster as it affected those known locally. If any photographs concerning these friends and relatives are available, they would be appreciated, too.

Banquet Slates Boeing Speaker Here on April 9

John Arthur Olmer, community relations manager of the Boeing Company, Seattle, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce in the Heppner American Legion hall at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, President Al Lamb announces.

Olmer will be accompanied by Robert Knoll of the community relations department of the company's Aero-Space division and probably by William Belt of Hermiston, president of the Space Age Development association.

Date of the banquet, originally set for Monday, April 20, was changed to the April 9 date in order to schedule the Boeing speaker.

Recognition certificates for contributions made to the banquet and area during the past year will be made during the banquet. Selection of those to be recognized will be made by the Chamber's awards committee.

In an innovation this year, two past presidents will be honored by presentation of plaques. Those to receive the plaques will be Fred Gimbel, who was president in 1962, and Dr. Wagner, president in 1963. At a recent meeting, directors decided to start a tradition of presenting plaques to past presidents as recognition of their service to the organization and to the community.

Entertainment at the banquet will be furnished by the Heppner 7th and 8th grade honor choir, directed by Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens. Invocation will be by the Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor of the Assembly of God church.

Women of the auxiliary of the American Legion will prepare and serve the dinner.

A social hour, with Bert Huff as chairman, will precede the banquet. The social hour will start at 5:30.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale at the Gazette-Times, Turner Van Marter and Bryant Gonty's, First National Bank and Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Little League Meeting Called

Organization meeting of the Little League for the coming season will be Friday night at 8 p.m. in the offices of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant.

LaVerne Van Marter says that parents, coaches and other interested adults are invited to attend.

"We badly need people who are willing to help in any capacity," he states. There is need for coaches, umpires, assistant coaches and others to help with the program.

It is planned to get the league underway about May 16 this year, and it is hoped that first tryouts can be held about April 18. This means speedy action, Van Marter pointed out. It is hoped that as a result of the Friday night meeting personnel can be lined up right away.

Any who are willing to take part in any capacity are urged to attend.

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and Sally had arrived in Portland and were coming to Heppner where Sally will enroll in high school.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bedford on Tuesday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford, relieved anxiety of their safety and the condition of their home in Anchorage, where Bill is employed by the Texaco Company. The couple and their three children were not hurt and are still able to remain in their home, although they have no water, and electricity only intermittently. Temperature in their home has been at about 35 degrees. They melt the snow and boil it for use in their home. They received a wire Saturday assuring them that all Texaco personnel in Anchorage was safe.

Two sisters of Mrs. Ed Hunt of Lexington, Lucille Wells and Mrs. John Davis of Spenard, were reported to be safe.

Mrs. Barney Malcom of Heppner received word that her two brothers, Max and Harold Hamilton, are also unharmed. Each man has two houses in Seward and one in Cooper's Landing, some 40 miles away. Max is married and has three high school age children, but Harold is unmarried. Two daughters, junior and senior in high school, were staying in Seward at the time of the earthquake and ran from the house when the quake hit. Mrs. Malcom is sure that at least one of the houses is gone at Seward and does not know as yet what other damage was sustained. One of the brothers has several businesses in Cooper's Landing and the other is an engineer for the City of Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty received a letter Thursday from Dick Calvin, former Heppnerite who is now sales manager for Cache Auto and Truck Parts at Spenard, near Anchorage. He reports that he and his family are "all O. K." and the George Bradley family, also formerly of Heppner, is also safe. Bradley is manager of the auto firm.

"We are still in business with the mess all picked up," Calvin writes. "We lost all our dishes but enough to eat out of, but we feel very fortunate as we already have heat, lights and water, though the water has to be boiled for drinking. Frame construction proved to be far better than concrete to stand quake action. Things are in a mess but will straighten out real fast. They do things in a fabulous hurry here in Alaska."

Mrs. Maurice Groves was extremely anxious about her son-in-law and daughter, who live in downtown Anchorage, and received no word until Monday afternoon. She then received a brief note from them, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Musgrave, saying, "We are scared to death but O. K. Will write more later." He is in service there, and she works at a bank. Mrs. Groves does not know if their residence was destroyed or not.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ott, parents of A. 2/C Oakley Ott, stationed at Clear Air Force base, Fairbanks, have not heard from him, but believe that he was not involved in the catastrophe.

A dramatic and vivid account of the earthquake was written by Ginger Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Brown, who is an elementary teacher at Fort Richardson, just out of Anchorage. She was visiting in Homer at the time of the disaster and happened to be in a grocery store when the shocks came. Cans on shelves first began to "dance" and then she found herself amid a pile of groceries that were

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