

Chamber Opposes Wildlife Refuge Planned On Columbia River Front

rial Park leased to the Boeing Company with an in-lieu tax. Opposition to removing some 6000 acres from private ownership on the Columbia River waterfront in Morrow county for a wildlife refuge was voiced by Oscar Peterson, former county judge, at a hearing on the development and management of the John Day reservoir Thursday (today). The hearing was conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Peterson appeared on behalf of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce as chairman of its development committee. Others who were expected to make statements from the county at the hearing included Clarence Rosewall, chairman of the county planning commission; Mayor Al Lamb of Heppner, who is also a member of the county port commission; and County Judge Paul Jones.

Peterson's prepared statement explains the position of the Chamber of Commerce and other local groups:

"I want to particularly refer to the 12 miles of waterfront and some 6000 acres of land between the State Space Age Industrial Park and Irrigon. These lands include some of Oregon's finest industrial sites. We of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce recognize the several uses as tentatively set up by the Corps, but with us a few questions come up:

"Is it in the public interest to remove some 6000 acres of private land, some of it good agricultural land, and place it under federal ownership as part of a waterfowl area? Can the State of Oregon and its citizens afford to see this much additional land go under Federal control when the state already has over 50% of its lands owned by the Federal government? Do the actual benefits from hunting justify the expenditure of the size being proposed and particularly in such a vulnerable area?"

"Some groups in Morrow county, dedicated to the industrial growth of the region, question full Federal control of ownership and management of the vital region. The lands include some of Oregon's finest, most usable, proven industrial sites on a navigable river and will accommodate a large population in a semi-desert area.

factor. We feel that we should not be required to furnish an additional 6000 acres for the John Day Wildlife Management.

"We of the Chamber of Commerce would like to go along with the recommendations of the Morrow County Planning and Zoning Commission, as follows:

"It would be highly advisable for the Corps of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife people to diversify their locations for permanent management areas where the lands are not especially industrial in character and on a navigable stream. We would recommend that the area near the mouth of the Deschutes River and Millers Island be re-covered. Hundreds of thousands of ducks and geese used this area in the past.

"It would seem advisable for those responsible for such facilities to review other areas on public lands away from the future press of development and navigable waters, where growing conditions are good and water impoundable for permanent Fish and Wildlife management. We are concerned about the practicability and compatibility of permanent Fish and Wildlife management with that of industrial development, missile and rocket testing, navy and other superonic aircraft activities. The raising and lowering of the pools, the ever-increasing barge traffic, and the wake of the water vehicles disturbing wildlife cannot be altogether compatible. The ever-increasing future press of development is on a river that Colonel Clark of the Corps of Engineers said would be lined with industry at suitable locations, which are very limited on the 300 miles of the Columbia River.

"We of Morrow county feel that we have furnished our share of non-taxable facilities, are willing to host a fair and reasonable portion of wildlife facilities but would be extremely pleased to share this much needed activity with other areas. We feel that 12 miles of our very important waterfront is too much. Morrow county is now furnishing 50,000 acres for a United States Navy bombing range, 8,600 acres for an army ordnance depot, and 140,000 acres of forest land, being tax free, and 100,000 acres for the state-owned Space Age Industrial Park.

Water Outlook Excellent Despite Post-Flood Drouth

(Continued from page 1) charge into the reservoir is estimated to be 35,000 acre feet or 100 percent average.

Butter Creek is forecast to flow 10,300 acre feet or 105 percent average for the period April through July.

Statewide, Oregon water users will have average to excellent water supplies in 1965, April through September, despite nearly two months of average drought preceded by two record-breaking early-winter floods. Mountain snowpacks are highly variable in water content but they all lie on watershed soil that is very nearly saturated. Stored water supplies are up to a high of 32 percent of capacity.

All forecasts are made on the assumption that average conditions of temperature and rainfall will prevail during the runoff season.

The next evaluation of water supply conditions will be made about May 7, from snow surveys and other data.



JOHN VENARD (right), manager of the Heppner branch, First National Bank, presents a reproduction of a painting by Lorenzo Ghiglietti to Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, as an expression from the bank in observance of its 100th anniversary. The bank commissioned Ghiglietti to paint 12 scenes typical of the state's economic growth and development. The picture given to the Grain Growers shows Eastern Oregon wheat fields and a combine operating in harvest with China Pheasants rising in flight in the foreground.

From our EARLY FILES

THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 18, 35

Henry C. Gay, 88, pioneer stockman and legislator who introduced the bill for incorporation of the city of Heppner, died at his home here Tuesday afternoon. He came to Morrow county with his brother, Arthur, landing at Heppner June 12, 1878, and settled on Rhea Creek where he was engaged in wool growing.

J. G. Barratt received the unanimous ballot of Union, Umatilla and Morrow county courts as state senator to succeed Jack E. Allen.

Heppner High school band, under the direction of Harold Buhman, returned Sunday from the state band contest in Eugene, where they gave an outstanding performance.

Miss Anna Wightman and Claud R. Graham were issued a marriage license at the office of Chas. W. Barlow last Tuesday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 19, 1945

1st Lt. Bill Biddle is spending a well-earned furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. Vernon Brown, after serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre as a pilot of a B-24 Liberator.

Cpl. Donald Robinson is home on 30-day furlough from McCaw hospital to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Hardman, and S. Sgt. Clair H. Cox arrived to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox after being stationed several months in Florida.

A quota of 20,000 lbs. of clothing has been set for Morrow county in its drive during the next two days for overseas relief for people in the liberated

countries of Europe. Mayor J. O. Turner is formulating plans for gathering, packing and mailing to the Portland terminal.

A county speech festival will be held at the Lexington school April 27. The question adopted for high schools is "What shall be the post-war attitude of Oregon toward Japanese-Americans?"

TEN YEARS AGO

April 21, 1955

Involved in automobile accidents the past week were Miss Maxine Sams, Ed Thorpe, Ralph Marlett, Clarence Buchanan of Ione, Russell O'Donnell, Earl Warner, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Doe, all of Heppner.

Funeral services were held April 20 for Mrs. O. G. (Viola) Crawford in Seaside, who died suddenly April 17 at the Seaside hospital. She was associated with her husband in publishing the Gazette-Times from 1942 until 1951.

Carol Ann Wigglesworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Wigglesworth of Butter Creek, has been chosen queen of the 1955 fair and rodeo.

One high school named its two top honor students this week. They are Dennis Swanson, valedictorian, and Lawrence Jones, salutatorian.

Sudden Illness Takes Mrs. Clinton Martin

Funeral services were held in Portland last Wednesday for Mrs. Clinton Martin, mother-in-law of Mrs. Adelia Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson, according to word received last week by the Andersons. Her death came suddenly in a Portland hospital following a very brief illness.

Mrs. Martin had visited in Heppner at various times, and was the grandmother of little Suzanne Martin, who has been here often with her other grandparents, the Andersons, and with whom she was staying at the time of the fire that took their home.

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Bank of EO	42	26	Padberg Machinery	40	24
Del's Market	38	30	Lotts Electric	38	26
Central Market	36	32	M.C. Grain Growers	37 1/2	26 1/2
Jack's Chevron	33	35	Lairds Variety	36 1/2	27 1/2
Elma's Apparel	31	37	Kinzua Corp.	25	39
Heppner Elk's	27	41	Lexington Oil Co-op	24	40
PMH Angels	20	48	Bristow's Market	13 1/2	50 1/2
High Ind. Game - Marlys Phegley, 180; High Ind. Series - Grace Josl, 465; High Team Game - Peterson's Jewelry, 917; High Team Series - Bank of EO, 2501.			High Ind. Game - Vesta Kilkenny, 208; High Ind. Series - Vesta Kilkenny, 560; High Team Game - Kinzua Corp., 956; High Team Series, Padberg Machinery, 2652.		
Thursday Night Ladies			COMMERCIAL		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
C. Ed Cole	43	27	Willow Creek Country Club	53	15
First National Bank	39 1/2	20 1/2	Bank of EO	42	26
L. E. Dick	30 1/2	29 1/2	First National Bank	38	30
C. A. Ruggles	30	30	St. Patrick's	37	31
M. Ladies	29 1/2	30 1/2	Heppner Studs	32	36
Humphreys	28	32	A.L. Daggett, Dist.	26	42
Wishing Well	20 1/2	39 1/2	Gardner's Men's Wear	24	44
Phil's Pharmacy	17	42	L.O.O.F.	20	48
High Ind. Game - Ellen Campbell, 178; High Ind. Series, Carolyn Bergstrom, 475; High Team Game - Humphreys, 915; High Series - C. Ed Cole, 2618.			High Ind. Game - Tom Hughes, 234; High Ind. Series - Tom Hughes, 583; High Team Game - St. Patrick's, 988; High Team Series - First National Bank, 2867.		

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