

# Willow Creek Project Moves Another Step Ahead in Congress

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### Public Works Committee Gives Approval

Good news came for the many supporters of the Willow Creek dam project this week.

It has been included in the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors bill in the Senate and will go to the floor for action soon.

A telegram to the Gazette-Times Tuesday from Senators Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger said, "Pleased to advise administration favorably reported Willow Creek project to Congress."

"At our request, Senate Public Works committee is reporting this project as one of those to be included in Omnibus Rivers and Harbors bill which will be referred to the Senate for action within a few days."

While this is another big step towards culmination of the project, approval of the Omnibus bill will not mean that the project is a certainty. Its passage will mean that the project has been authorized by Congress.

Still ahead is the matter of appropriations and other steps before the dam is assured.

After the Omnibus bill is passed by the Senate, it must go to the House. If it is approved there, it is in line for appropriation.

The appropriation must issue first in the House Appropriations committee and must be approved by the House, then it would be referred to the Senate.

Other details still must be worked out before the project is a certainty, including working with the Bureau of Reclamation on the plan for the irrigation feature, one of the multipurpose uses of the dam. This might mean the formation of an irrigation district.

Other details include rights of way for the channel through town and assumption of some relatively small local responsibilities.

Oscar Peterson, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development committee, discussed the matter with Niel Meadowcroft of the Army Engineers at Walla Walla last week. The engineer said that the project looked very favorable at this point, Peterson said.

"He doesn't feel that there should be any hitches now."

Peterson said that it was Meadowcroft's feeling that some \$5 million of the total cost of some \$66 million for the project will be from the Federal government as non-reimbursable.

The balance of the cost would be amortized by irrigation and paid from power revenues from dams of the Northwest.

Peterson said that Meadowcroft told him that it might be necessary to form a district to maintain the park on the shores of the reservoir, and the rights of way for the channel through town would be another matter to be settled.

"Meadowcroft said that he thought it is as fine a program as the Engineers have had," Peterson said.

Following announcement that the project is indeed included in this year's Omnibus bill, as had been hoped, local leaders who have been pressing for the project speculated on the time table ahead.

Those who have talked with Congressmen about it feel that there is some possibility that the appropriation could be made yet this year to be included in the coming Federal budget.

Mayor Al Lamb speculated that if all goes without any difficulties it would be possible to have the dam constructed or well under construction in five years. Other estimates are not quite so optimistic.

### Wright Park Pond Work is Underway

Because survey work was completed earlier than expected and a county crew was able to get at the job ahead of schedule, work started on construction of a pond at Anson Wright Memorial park at the confluence of Chapin and Rock creeks, south of Hardman, Wednesday morning, County Judge Paul Jones said.

It was expected that the dam would be completed this week. Survey work was done by the Heppner Soil Conservation district. The pond, which will add to recreation facilities at the park, will be from 1/2 to 3/4 of an acre, the judge said.

### Swimming Lessons Signup is Underway

A new series of swimming lessons will begin at the Heppner municipal pool on Tuesday, July 20, it is announced. Registrations are being taken at the pool. A \$1 basket fee will be charged each participant.

Classes are planned for beginners, intermediates, swimmers and in junior life saving at the morning sessions. Adult lessons will be given in evenings.



PRINCESS GINGER MAJESKE

## Dance to Honor Princess Ginger

First of the rodeo princesses dances for the season will honor Princess Virginia (Ginger) Majeske, 5 ft. 6 in. brunette, who represents the Lexington Grange on the fair and rodeo court.

Music for the dance, which will be at the fair pavilion, Heppner, Saturday night, will be furnished by The Gents of Pasco. It will start at 10 p.m. Entering dances for other members of the court will follow on successive week-ends.

The rodeo Kickoff dance, held Saturday night, proved to be a big success with a large crowd attending. Archie Munkers, rodeo director in charge of the dances, said that attendance exceeded last year's kickoff event.

Princess Ginger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske of Lexington, will be a senior at Heppner High school next year. She is 17 and her birthday is in December.

A former 4-H club member, specializing in sewing, Princess Virginia has been in the Future Homemakers of America in high school, is a member of the Pep club and of the Girls League. She started school in Lexington and transferred to Heppner at the beginning of the sixth grade.

This is a particularly busy time for the Lexington princess who is well accustomed to ranch life. Harvest has just started and she is busy driving truck for her father. She also does much of the cooking for the harvest crew, which is principally confined to members of the family.

Having spent all her life in Morrow county, Ginger is a true home county product for the court. She has a wide range of hobbies, including riding, sewing and swimming.

At appearances and in rodeo events she will ride an 8-year-old horse, "Red," loaned to her by Bill Weatherford. She has a pinto, "Princess," which does not qualify for the royal court duties.

In Princess Virginia's family are a sister, Debbie, 12, and a

## Brown Takes Post At Toledo School

Hillard Brown, principal of Heppner Elementary school for the past six years, has accepted a position as principal of Toledo, Ore., elementary school, he said Wednesday.

He and Mrs. Brown plan to move there shortly after the first of August. They have purchased a home in that city and plan to sell their home here.

Mrs. Brown will also be employed in the system. The Toledo elementary school has about 500 pupils. In their new location they will be working under a new superintendent and assistant superintendent, both of whom have been hired this year.

Brown, who has been in education since 1932, will be succeeded as elementary principal here by Jack Grossnickle, formerly of Redmond. Mrs. Brown will resign her position as elementary teacher here to make the move to Toledo.

## Bank to Proceed With New Building At Arlington Site

The Bank of Eastern Oregon Thursday announced it will proceed immediately with the construction of a new building for its Arlington bank in Arlington's new business district.

John Krebs, chairman of the board of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, said bids will be invited this week and construction is expected to start by August 10. The new bank is scheduled for completion and occupancy by December 15, 1965.

Krebs said the new \$70,000 bank has been designed to fit the master development plan for Arlington's new business district, calling for unified business buildings, pedestrian malls and parking areas.

The new bank, designed by architect Thomas G. Vadrakis, will be a one-story frame building with exterior of native stone veneer. The building will enclose 2750 square feet. The cabled roof will extend over the entry, providing a covered landscaped court area of some 400 square feet. Native plantings will be used in the landscaping.

Stone for the exterior finish will be obtained in the area, and the tile roof will be colored to harmonize with the stone exterior.

Interior features of the air-conditioned building will include exposed beams, hemlock paneled walls, vinyl tile floors and wall-to-wall carpeting in the Director's Room, which has been arranged for use as a meeting room by community organizations.

There will be a 1600-square-foot basement containing a fire-proof storage area. While business machines and other equipment will be moved from the present bank, the new bank will have new furniture suitable to the modern design.

The building has been designed for future addition of drive-in banking service. Krebs noted that the bank is the first to proceed with relocation from Arlington's old downtown area to the new 15-acre site south of and above the present business district.

Site for the new bank was acquired from Oregon Industrial Development Corp., which has purchased 7 1/2 acres and is developing the new business district under agreement with the City of Arlington. The relocation project was delayed about 15 months by litigation which was concluded last month.

Among other early birds were Glen Campbell, red wheat; Max Barclay, barley and wheat; Bergh Ledbetter (farming Duvall and Rosewall ranches), barley; D. O. Nelson, wheat; Larry Lindsay, barley; and Paul Tews, who started on barley at lone but stopped again because it was too green.

## Barley, Wheat Start to Flow Into Elevators

Temperatures this week climbed to something more like normal harvest weather, and barley and wheat started to flow to elevators as harvest got underway in the northern part of the county.

Among those who started, some found that their grain was still a bit green on the heels of late rains and last week's cool temperatures. They stopped for a few days.

Manager Al Lamb of Morrow County Grain Growers said, however, that elevators of the co-op are operating at Lexington, North Lexington and at lone. He said that none will be received at Heppner until probably the first of next week.

Stan Kemp was reported to have brought in the first barley last Thursday and Jack Barak the first wheat.

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All coming so far is of good quality—good weight and good yield, Lamb said.

"Every sign indicates a good harvest," he stated, estimating that early yields seem to be running about 30 bushels to the acre on wheat and about 40 bushels on barley. Vast majority of the grain coming in is of the Gaines variety.

"There is no sign of rust or anything bad," Lamb said, adding that some of the best fields in the county this year seem to be in the North Lexington area. He said that while he expected the county would have a very good crop, he does not expect it to be one of the best years.

While work is well underway on some of the ranches, the harvest will not hit full swing for about 10 days, Lamb predicted.

## Harlan McCurdy Gets National Elks Appointment

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., of Heppner Elks lodge No. 538, has been appointed district deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon North-east and with Mrs. McCurdy flew to Miami, Fla., to receive the appointment at the national Elks convention.

He is one of four of the Heppner lodge ever to achieve this position, the latest previously being LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., who served in 1957-58. Others were Harold Cohn and Harvey Miller.

Ten lodges will be within his jurisdiction, including Heppner, La Grande, Baker, Enterprise, Milton-Freewater, Hood River, The Dalles, Condon, Hermiston and Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy left early Sunday, drove to Portland, and flew from there to Miami for the convention. They planned to fly to Minneapolis, Minn., today (Thursday) to visit McCurdy's relatives, and to continue on to Portland Monday, expecting to arrive home Tuesday night.

The position is by appointment of the national grand lodge.

## Grid Tickets Here For Shrine Game

Tickets for the Shrine All-Star A-2 and B football game, to be held in Pendleton Saturday night, August 21, are now on sale by Dr. L. D. Tibbles here.

The initial block of tickets received is for 100 good seats, according to Larry Cook of the Shrine committee. This is less than has been received in past years, but Cook believes that this is due to some mixup and has called for more. However, all the 100 are for "very good seats," he said.

Several hundred from this area attend the game each year.



BOB HENRY, chairman of the Sidewalk Bazaar, goes into the water kersplash as the volunteer victim at the dunk tank on Saturday. While most of the crowd is not visible from camera angle, photo shows a few amused spectators watching as Bob helps raise funds for Arbutuck ski bus next winter. Proceeds of the dunk tank went to that cause.

## Sidewalk Bazaar Draws Big Crowds; Projects Aided

Cooler weather than anticipated didn't chill the response to Heppner's 2nd annual Sidewalk Bazaar, and big crowds in gray mood turned out for the occasion on both Friday and Saturday.

Shoppers slicked out many of the exceptional bargains offered by stores in their sidewalk displays, and all the organizations showed good profits on their various ventures. These funds will go to church and community projects.

One of the most popular of the attractions was the "dunk tank" which saw many volunteer "victims" splashing into the chilly water as amateur baseball pitchers found the target. This netted \$71 to be used towards providing a bus to Arbutuck ski course in the coming winter.

Again, cooling temperatures failed to prevent a big sale of icy "Sno-Cones" and the Mother's club sold \$33 of the cones in the two days. Meanwhile, Central Market gave out 720 free drinks of a new soft drink on the market.

Bake sales proved popular. Churches and other organizations who had such sales netted good profits as they sold virtually all of their delicious goods.

Many swim tickets were given away at two locations—J. C. Penney Co. and Gonty's. The tickets admitted the holders to free swims in the Heppner pool, and the two firms reimbursed the city for them.

Of those who formed the crowds on a sidewalk that resembled an old-fashioned market, many were from out of town.

Henry reported to the Chamber of Commerce Monday that one merchant said he had "a better week-end than Christmas." Another said it was one of the best two days' business he had ever had, although his bargains of odds and ends were sold far below cost.

"The merchants didn't make a killing," Henry said, "but they cleaned out a lot of odds and ends, and it was a wonderful chance for people to get together and visit. It was a heck of a lot of work, but it was worth it."

Henry and the committee was given a rousing round of applause by members of the Chamber of Commerce for their good work.

He reported that some of the businessmen felt that next year it might be better to have the sale on just one day and intensify the effort. About one-fourth of those he contacted after the Bazaar felt this way, he said, although the remainder said that they preferred the two-day event.

## Extra Cash Offer Made To Campaign Salesmen

An extra money-making offer was announced today for boys and girls in the Heppner Gazette-Times subscription campaign. The publishers stated that a \$10 cash prize will be given to the worker who turns in the most points on new subscriptions during the next two report periods, Saturday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 21. A large announcement in this issue gives complete details of this new prize offer.

Names of boys and girls working for the bike and cash prizes are listed on this page with phone numbers included. This will enable people to choose their favorite and contact him or her by phone to place their new or renewal subscription orders.

Response of old and new subscribers to the youngsters' quest for subscriptions has been gratifying thus far, as they avail themselves of the opportunity to pay while the campaign is on and help one of the young workers win a valuable prize or cash commission.

The campaign gained momentum rapidly this week, and the management has urged all workers to do their best from now until the deadline, Saturday, July 31.

The salesman finishing the campaign with the highest vote score will receive the grand prize—Schwinn Corvette bicycle plus \$50 in cash, or cash alternative of \$120. The worker in each of the two geographical districts finishing the campaign with the most votes in his own district after the grand prize has been awarded will receive district capital prizes—\$80 Schwinn bikes plus \$20 in cash, or \$90 in cash, and the next two runners up in either district will receive bike and cash prizes as well. All workers who do not win one of the five major awards will receive cash commissions.

## Here Are The Heppner Gazette-Times Super Salesmen

Listed below in alphabetical order, by districts, are the youngsters working in the Gazette-Times subscription campaign. Phone numbers are listed and subscribers are urged to contact their favorite as soon as possible to insure credit will be given on their subscription order.

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| <b>District One (Heppner)</b>         |                           |
| Larry Anderson—676-9228               | Donald Cossitt—676-9228   |
| Dyrk Dunlap—676-9240                  | Shannon Farley—676-5329   |
| Janet Gentry—676-9296                 | Doug Gonty—676-9264       |
| Kelly Green—676-9228                  | Jeritha Keithley—676-9702 |
| Allen McCabe—676-9934                 | Bill McLeod—676-5573      |
| Jim Myers—676-5340                    | Tricia Prock—676-9412     |
| Mike Sweek—676-9483                   | Jim Van Schoiack—676-9167 |
| <b>District Two (Outside Heppner)</b> |                           |
| Valerie Asher, Spray—637-2625         |                           |
| Jerry Boyer, Monument—WE 4-2295       |                           |
| Frank Halvorsen, Ione—422-7107        |                           |
| Duane Lamb, Irrigon—822-3386          |                           |
| Connie Thieme, Kinzua—788-2305        |                           |
| Alvin Vinson, Lexington—989-8492      |                           |
| Mat Warren, Rt. 2 Heppner—676-9760    |                           |

## Rep. Mann to Speak At Chamber Meeting

Rep. Irvin Mann of Stanfield, who represents the 28th district in the legislature, will speak at the noon luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday at the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

He will speak on happenings in the 1965 legislature and some of the new laws that are of particular interest to this area. Rep. Mann figured prominently in enactment of some of the legislation.

Non-members interested in attending are invited on a "dutch treat" basis.

## Cousins Meet Here For First Time

The Rev. Earl Soward, Heppner and John Vermillion of Harrisburg met for the first time a few days ago. Nothing odd about this except that they are first cousins and had never met before.

Vermillion is employed by Hannan Construction Co. of Eugene, engaged in road work in the county, and having heard that his cousin lived here, stopped to visit the Rev. Soward.

Vermillion's father was brother of the Rev. Soward's mother.