

# Game, Forestry Officials View Reservoir Sites

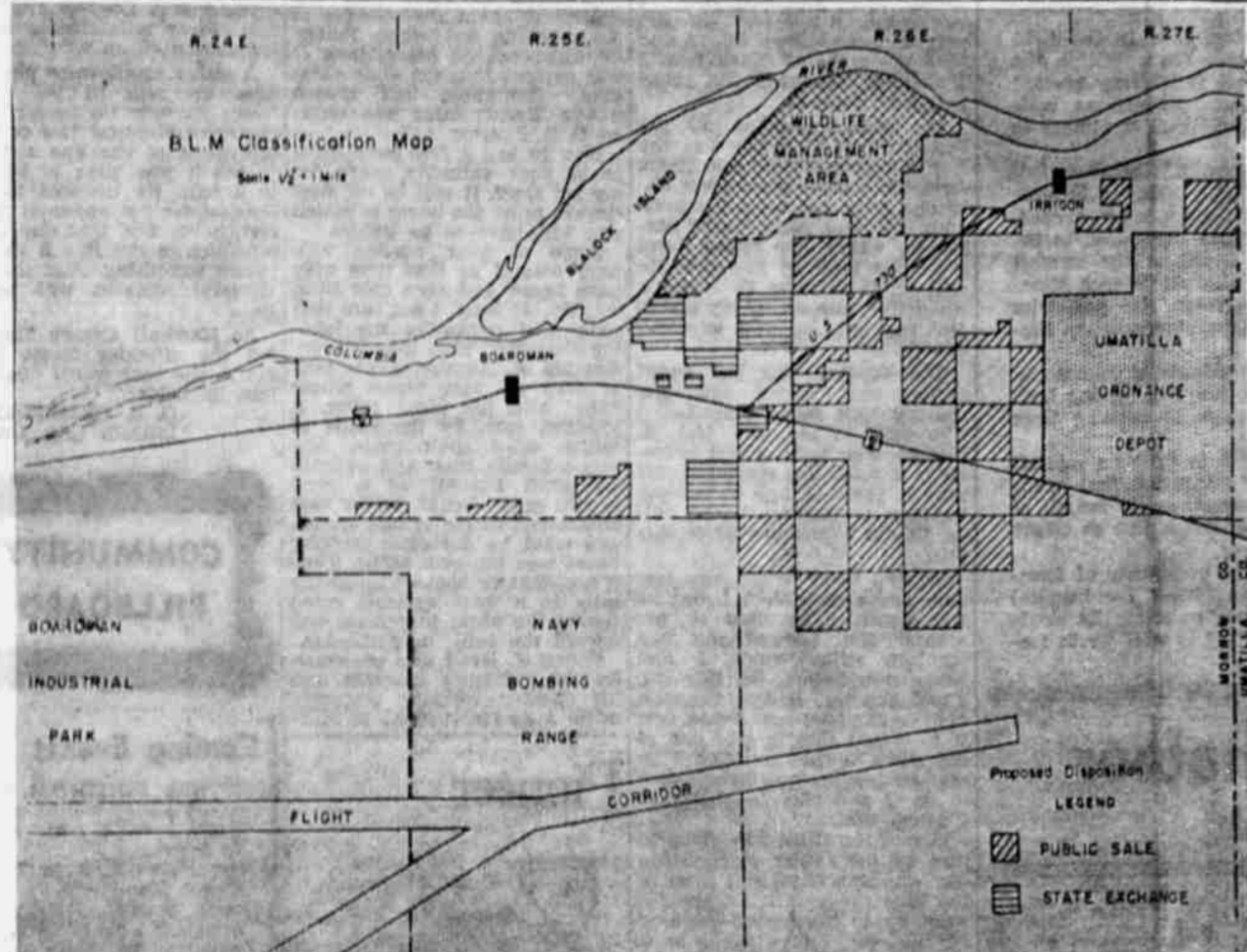
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT has recommended that some 12,000 acres of public land in North Morrow county be sold under public sale. BLM officials revealed last week. Map above shows areas proposed for sale (diagonal lines). Proposed for

exchange with state lands are those with horizontal lines. Other areas are designated on the map. The public lands to be offered for sale are interspersed with private lands (in white).

## Hearing Set For July 12 On Proposed Land Sale

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to classify for disposal about 18,000 acres of public domain lands in north Morrow county, Chester Conard, BLM district manager, has announced from his office in Baker.

A public hearing on the proposal has been scheduled for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, at the Morrow county courthouse in Heppner. At this hearing the public will be invited to submit their views orally and in writing.

This action is being taken under the authority of the Classification and Multiple Use Act of September, 1964, Conard said. The act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to classify public lands for retention or disposal of approximately 12,000 acres in the Boardman area and has generated a great deal of interest.

The area of greatest concern centers on BLM lands located both north and south of Highway 80N between the town of Boardman on the west and the Umatilla Ordnance depot on the east.

Conard said that a notice of the proposed classification has been sent to the Federal Register for publication. It will provide for a 60-day period during which interested parties may

submit their written comments to the district manager at the Bureau of Land Management in Baker.

The announcement means that the BLM is recommending that the lands be sold rather than opened for desert entry. Many filings developed for desert entry in 1965 when the possibility of irrigation on the lands created a wave of interest. The applications would have been under the Act of 1877.

Since then, there has been considerable debate and deliberation whether the lands should be sold or whether they should be opened for desert entry.

The announcement last week ended the lengthy period of speculation on the matter. County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday that one of the purposes of the hearing on July 12 will be to determine whether the lands would be sold under the old Act of 1874 or the Act of 1964. Under the latter act, tracts could be sold in parcels up to 5,120 acres. Under the Act of 1874, they would be sold in small parcels, perhaps with a limit of 640 acres.

Under the Act of 1874 a contentious land owner would have first right on purchase of adjoining property. Interspersed

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## Recreation Area Possible By Next Year

Possibility that Morrow county will have a sizeable fish impoundment constructed in 1968 and with legal size fish ready for the catching by 1969 came a step closer Monday.

At that time, Oregon State Game Commission officials, U.S. Forest Service officials, the Morrow county court and others toured possible sites for an impoundment, and the report Tuesday was encouraging although no definite action has ensued.

The impoundment, which might be located at any one of some eight sites under consideration, probably would be developed as a fishing and recreation area similar to the Bull Prairie reservoir in Grant county, and could be as large an undertaking.

The party Monday was organized by Glen Ward, state game agent. The officials who took the afternoon trip to the various sites were guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon meeting where the sites and possibilities were discussed at an informal session.

Those making the tour were Wright Mallory, Pendleton, supervisor, Umatilla National Forest; Jimmy Wilkins, Pendleton wildlife biologist; U. S. Forest Service; Ken Methvin, Heppner, district engineer, Forest Service; Avey Meyers, Portland, Game Commission lands agent; Dave Heckerath, Pendleton, Game Commission fishery biologist; George Kernan, Portland, Game Commission engineer; Richard Ivey, Portland, consultant for Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, engineers; County Judge Paul Jones; County Commissioners Jack Van Winkle and Walter Hayes; W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the county planning commission; Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the county park commission; Jim Follensbee of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op; and Ward.

Sites Listed Among the sites visited were the following: North Jones Prairie, which could accommodate a reservoir of some 30 acres; Kelly Prairie site; Herren Meadows site on Ditch Creek, which would require a dam some 1100 feet across and 40 feet high; Linger Linger, also on Ditch Creek, which would make an impoundment of 30 acres with a dam of some 300 feet across and 35 feet high; Swale Creek, all on U. S. Forest land and tentatively on their planning schedule for future development; Parker's Mill site on Rock Creek, which would be a reservoir of some 35 acres with a dam 30 to 40 feet high and 200 feet across; Hayden Meadows site; and Sperry Springs

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**WEATHER**  
By DON GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of June 7-13 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	76	49	—
Thursday	74	45	—
Friday	76	44	—
Saturday	73	45	—
Sunday	72	48	—
Monday	70	42	.03
Tuesday	77	44	.03



HARLEY SAGER NORMAN SUPPLE

## Harley Sager Promoted; Burns Man Takes Post Here

Norman Supple, installment loan officer of the Burns branch of First National Bank of Oregon, has been named general loan officer at the Heppner branch to replace Harley Sager, who has been promoted to the position of commercial loan officer at the bank's office in Merrill, near Klamath Falls.

John Venard, manager of the Heppner branch, said Supple arrived at the branch Monday and

that Sager will leave for his new assignment to begin there Monday, June 19.

Supple has been with the bank since 1960. He started his career at the Lakeview branch, where he was promoted to pro assistant cashier in 1963. In June of the following year he was appointed to operations officer, and five months later he was promoted to assistant cashier.

He entered loan work in 1966 and began serving as an installment loan officer at Burns in May.

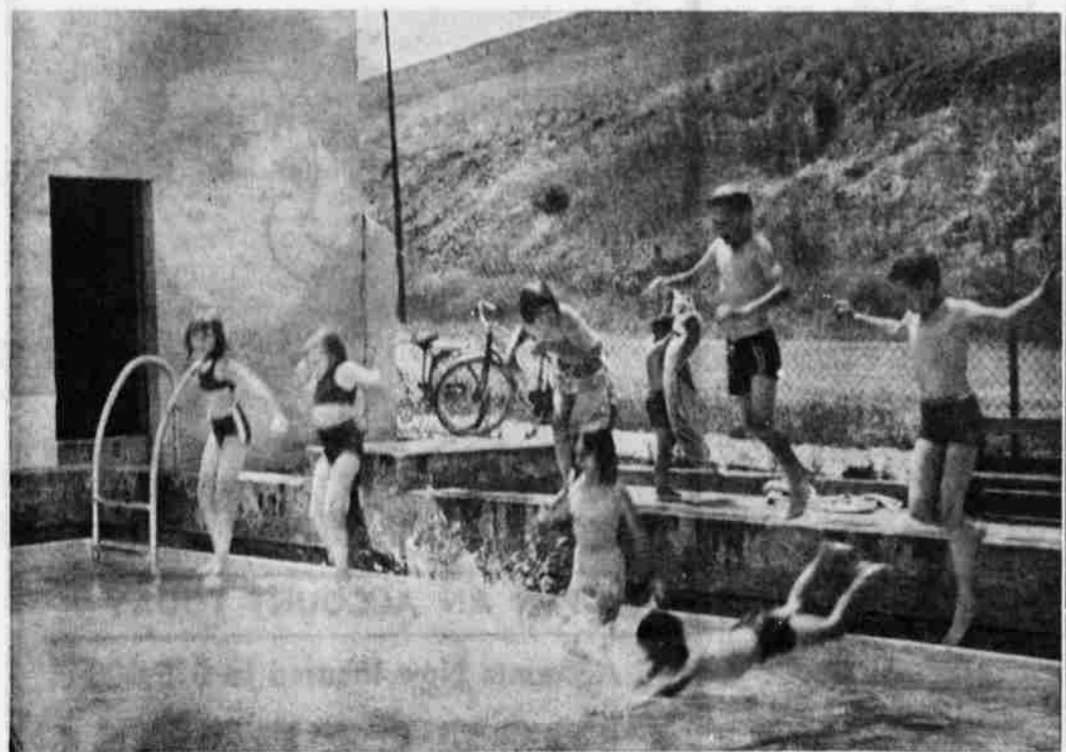
Sager has been at First National's Heppner branch since June, 1962, when he took over as operations officer. The next year he was appointed an installment loan officer, and in January, 1966, he was named general loan officer.

He joined the First National system in Nyssa in March, 1956. In 1960 he was promoted to pro assistant cashier and was named operations officer at Nyssa, and in 1961 he was promoted to assistant cashier.

During his years in Heppner, Sager has served as president of the Willow Creek Little League and the Morrow County Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served as chairman of the Morrow County Heart Fund for three years and was treasurer of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association. Sager has been treasurer of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, and treasurer of the Morrow County Chapter of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.

Mrs. Supple, whose first name is Donnie, is in Heppner this week with her husband looking for housing before the family moves here from Burns. The Supples have two children, a girl in the eighth grade and a boy in the fifth grade.

The Sager family will remain at their residence in Lexington until he locates a house for them in Merrill.



"LAST ONE IN IS A . . ." Despite rather pool weather for swimming, a good number of youngsters was on hand Saturday at the opening of the Heppner municipal pool. This picture catches some of them about to make the plunge. More were on hand Sunday, and it is expected that the pool will be a busy place throughout the summer months. Stuart Dick, lifeguard, is taking training in Portland through the Red Cross this week to supplement previous training. This will be the last summer of operation for the old pool, which will make way for an improved pool as a result of the recent city bond election. (G-T Photo).



QUEEN of the 1967 Shrine A-2 and B All-Star football game is Darlene Kuehn, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuehn, of Milton-Freewater. Coronation ceremonies were on April 24. Queen Darlene, who will reign over the game and pageantry in August in Pendleton, is an eighth grader at Milton-Freewater Junior High school. She is a gifted musician and plays four instruments—the piano, accordion, guitar and clarinet. Queen Darlene is also an artist and several of her paintings have been displayed locally. Her ambition is to become a commercial artist. The queen's father is a heavy equipment operator for the Mullin Construction Co., Milton-Freewater, and her mother is bookkeeper for the Milton-Freewater office of Pendleton Grain Growers. She has one sister, Evelyn. Queen Darlene has been undergoing treatment at the Shrine Hospital, Portland, for curvature of the spine.

## 3 Heppner Juniors Attending Boys' State

Three Heppner High school students are attending the American Legion Beaver Boys' State Assembly at Oregon State University in Corvallis this week.

Chosen to represent Heppner for the 1967 session, Sunday through Saturday, were Russell Kilkenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kilkenny; Earl Ayres, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ayres, and John Rawlins, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rawlins.

The three boys have contributed impressively to student activities at Heppner High during their three years in school.

Earl has been active in athletics, playing basketball and baseball and assisted the student body sergeant-at-arms by serving on the school evaluation committee during his junior year.

John will be the 1967-68 student body president and is vice-president of the student body during his junior year. He has been a steady honor roll student and belongs to the photography club and the National Honor Society.

Russell has been student body sergeant-at-arms, is an honor student, and has been outstanding in athletics, playing basketball, football, baseball and golf.

Steve Pettyjohn and David Hall, who also received the honor of being selected for the trip, were unable to leave summer work to attend the session.

Delegates to Boys' State must be junior boys between the ages of 15 and 18 years. Tuition of the Heppner delegates is paid this year by Heppner Elks Lodge, the Morrow County Grain Growers, the Heppner American Legion Post, and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Boys' State is a week of study and practice in the field of government. It is designed to make the participants more familiar with the workings of city, county and state level government in Oregon. Delegates are encouraged to run for offices on all levels and the boys achieving the two highest offices, governor and first citizen, become automatic representatives to Boys' Nation which is held in Washington, D. C.

Various classes are held to enhance the delegates' knowledge of government on the three levels, with ample free time allowed for recreational opportunities on campus.

## Doug Drake Chosen Father of Year

Morrow County Father of the Year for 1967 is Douglas Drake, Sandhollow rancher and father of four active young people.

He receives the honor from the Morrow County CowBelles as a result of enthusiastic nominations from two young people's groups: the Crispy Cookers 4-H club and the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Along with the honor of being named the Father of the Year, Drake will compete with other county winners around the state for the honor of being Oregon's Father of the Year.

Proof of the father of the year's outstanding child-rearing talents is shown in the achievements of his four children.

The oldest, Susan, has just completed her freshman year in pre-nursing at Oregon State University. She was active in 4-H and was church organist at the Methodist church for one year; president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship; assistant treasurer of high school student body; treasurer of student body, and led and worked on numerous committees.

Alfred, a senior next year at Heppner High school, has been prominent in both 4-H and FFA; recently won the championship in sheep judging at the Junior Livestock Show at The Dalles; was grand champion in showmanship two years in a row at the Morrow County fair; was chapter representative to the national FFA convention in Kansas City last year; is an active member of the Methodist church and the MYF, and played center on the Heppner High school football team as a junior.

Gwen, who will be a freshman next year at Heppner High school, has also been active in horse and livestock 4-H projects. She was a



DOUGLAS DRAKE

blue ribbon winner in horsemanship at last year's Morrow County fair and showed the grand champion steer at that fair. Gwen has played first clarinet with the 7th and 8th grade honor band for two years and is also in 4-H cooking.

Rick, a seventh grader next year, is making a good beginning in 4-H work and carries beef and dairy projects; he showed the grand champion dairy animal at last year's fair, plays trombone in the band and plays Little League baseball during the summer.

The Father of the Year has supported and encouraged the children in these activities and insists that the children finish whatever they begin. He is on the official board of the Heppner Methodist church; will be superintendent of 4-H beef div-

ision at the Morrow County fair this year and was for years a member of the permanent camp committee for the Herren Creek 4-H camp. He is a member of the Rhea Creek Grange and the American Legion.

Doug Drake grew up in Morrow county. He is the son of Mrs. Emma Drake and the late Ray Drake who came here from Salem after their marriage in 1914. They farmed at Gooseberry, Hill Ridge and Sandhollow. Doug was a star athlete at Heppner High school and attended Pacific University one year on an athletic scholarship. During World War II he was with the Seventh Air Force stationed in Hawaii and Iwo Jima, and continued in athletics by playing on the Seventh Air Force football team.

He met his wife, Grace, when she came to Morrow as a home extension agent.

Following a serious back injury in 1959, the Drake family lived through a difficult two years when their father struggled with severe pain from pressure on his spinal column, underwent a laminectomy to remove the pressure and then gradually rebuilt his physical strength. His doctors were amazed by his stamina during these two years.

According to Mrs. Drake, "Doug's sense of humor is the thing that gets us over the rough spots." He has always been most interested in his family and in his farming and has concentrated his efforts there, but finds time to spend on his hobbies of hunting and fishing. The CowBelles will entertain in Doug Drake's honor at their annual Father of the Year Barbecue to be held this year on the afternoon of Sunday, June 25, at the Morrow County Fair grounds.