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Hot Water Irrigation Seen

Frank Bartel, Agriculture Editor of the Oregonian, Sunday had a page article telling of experiments in irrigating crops with hot water. One rancher told me it was kind of appropriate to do this as most of the industry was in hot water already! (We are glad our rancher friends have managed to keep a sense of humor in such rough times).

Mr. Bartel stated that he wondered if Oregonians were trembling on the brink, afraid to plunge into a "brave new world of agricultural prosperity—because they fear the unknown of nuclear power?" He wondered if people would stop worrying about contamination from nuclear power plants.

He quotes Don McKinnis of the State Ag Dept., "It is potentially the biggest thing to happen in Oregon agriculture in a long time."

"It's an agricultural revolution," declared Herman Miller. What is proposed is using hot water from nuclear power-generating cooling systems to irrigate thousands of acres of fertile but semi-arid and largely unproductive lands. This fact is quite well known and has been widely publicized in Morrow County.

In the experiment hot water has been piped from the Weyerhaeuser Co. paper mill 2 1/2 miles, ranging in temperature from 95 to more than 115 degrees to sprinkle corn, beans, peaches, pears, apples, nuts and strawberries. It is a three-year project started by Eugene Water and Electric Board, managed by Vitro Corp. of America, designed to show that bumper crops can be grown from hot water sprinkled land.

Ag Department specialist Don McKinnis says it can. He adds that the hot water can cool plants in hot weather, protect them from frost in cold weather and maintain them at optimum growing temperature.

He said this may prove a boon to dry-land wheat producing areas of Eastern Oregon.

He added "One crop operators have been driven to the wall by the depressed grain market and international price cutting. They cannot survive unless they diversify—grow high-value crops with immediate demand."

He believes about 400,000 acres in Morrow and Umatilla Counties could be brought under "nuclear water" irrigation in the next dozen or so years if enough plants are built.

The article stated that adverse public opinion can be and already had been an obstacle in the way of nuclear power development. Dr. Wang who heads OSU's radiation center observed, "People who don't want nuclear power generating plants in their areas won't get them."

Mr. Bartel reported that Morrow County people have no such reservations. "Morrow County people want a nuclear power plant and—more importantly—they want the 1600 second feet of water from each plant to irrigate 80,000 acres. In fact, the county seat, Boardman, has plans for an expanded city, possibly heated by nuclear warm water."

(We think Mr. Kennedy was misquoted. If Morrow County's county seat has been moved, we were not aware of it. If they do move it, we certainly hope they leave that handsome building and the clock!)

Mr. Puustinen, an orchardist, is involved in the experiment near Springfield, found the warm water irrigation protected buds from frost. Another farmer, growing corn, reported an outstanding crop.

While this seems a long way in the future, it sounds very promising. Obviously many problems would need to be overcome. One thing that gives us a headache at the present time is the Bureau of Reclamations desire to limit irrigating with water from dams such as John Day to 160 acres per person (320 acres for a husband and wife). This is a most unrealistic and outdated ruling. We understand a hearing will be held next month in Washington, D. C. on this matter. This little newspaper would hope the ruling is changed to enable vast areas to be irrigated which would mean a high state of economic development for our county.

How likely it is that Morrow County may obtain a nuclear power plant—or a cluster of plants—remains to be seen. The high cost of transmission lines is a factor. However, the livewire Port of Morrow people may just obtain enough industries in their Industrial Park to justify a nuclear power plant.

As a professional stick-in-the mud county editor, I wouldn't give a hang if we never had a nuclear power plant. It would please me greatly—you know—to stay right here and let the rest of the world go by. However, my view has changed, simply for the sake of the kids and future generations. They need opportunity and jobs, and without more industry Morrow County will continue to spend huge sums educating young people and lose them because of a lack of job opportunities.

Killing the Golden Goose

We have been a little surprised at the opposition to the storage of gas at the Umatilla Army Depot. We do not argue about the fact that it is a dangerous gas. However, very likely everything stored there is dangerous to a greater or lesser degree. None of us civilians can correctly predict the degree of danger. Experienced people are handling the material all the way. We feel certain it will be stored with the greatest care.

The economic value of the Ordnance Depot to us in Morrow and Umatilla Counties is considerable. The function of the depot is storage and warehousing and distribution of military material. If citizens and politicians ride this thing hard enough, very likely we could lose the depot. Point your finger at a map of the United States and you will probably come up with plenty of locations that would very much like to have the depot and its employment.

Juvenile Directors Meet in Salem

Grace Drake, MC juvenile director accompanied Jim Epley and Al Boschee, juvenile directors from Umatilla and Union counties to Salem for a meeting of juvenile directors. This was a policy making meeting in regard to state subsidy allocated by the last legislature to Juvenile Departments.

Four years ago the legislature passed the Family Court with no financing included. The last legislature allocated funds on a formula basis. Counties are to

submit plans for an enriched program over and above the current program to qualify for the funds. Based on the risk population 4 years to 18 years, the counties provide 30% and the state 70%. Morrow County does not qualify.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

Art Crawford's book on Morrow County is about to be finished and ready to roll according to a telephone call from him Friday night from San Jose, Calif. He was sending Holiday Greetings and asking some questions about my Dad, W. A. Richardson, so as to tie up the loose ends and be sure of his copy. Sounded very good and very complete. It is something which will be anticipated and time is long overdue for such a treatise.

Art said he planned to cover Donaldson Canyon, named after my grandfather, Samuel C. Donaldson, early pioneer in what was then Umatilla County and later divided to give us Morrow County.

Art says this is well known. There are the original maps in the county courthouses bearing all of this out. It can be checked in the early records in the County Clerk's office, later in the maps of the Morrow County Abstract Company.

Art's father, Vawter Crawford, was at one time County Clerk of Morrow County with Will Smith as his deputy. Later Mr. Crawford owned the Gazette-Times so had ample access to the facts of the county. Art, from a young lad dabbled in the printers ink pot and from here went to San Francisco where he was well known in his field of writing.

It is said the highway maps show the creek or canyon going through Heppner as Shobe Canyon but it is really Donaldson's Canyon and the maps showing this were on record and everyone knew this long before a highway was ever heard of or anything else except a barely

passable road, weather depending, in Morrow County, even in the city of Heppner.

Very truly yours,
Josephine Mahoney Baker
2545 S. W. Terwilliger,
Apt. 525
Portland, Oregon 97201

Christmas All About

Mrs. Amanda Duvall has her Nativity scenes up on the hill below her home facing South Court St.

This is the fifteenth year for them. It has become a traditional Christmas display. The life size figures were all made by Ernie and Lois Winchester. Lois drew them free hand from small pictures on Christmas cards. They were then stamped off on heavy plywood and Ernie sawed them out. The beautiful painting was done by Lois.

Mrs. Duvall does not enter the Christmas lighting contest held each year. The lights are back on the Community Christmas tree. Houses all about town are coming up all Christmasy. There's an all blue decoration, a rustic stable scene and gorgeous lights on evergreens as you go out on Hinton Creek road.

The judging is this Sunday so there's still time to make all Heppner to look like Christmas Land.

Dear Sir:

Will you please run the enclosed ad and bill us for it?

We are former Morrow County residents and get the Gazette which is always like a letter from home.

Yours truly,
Hershal Townsend

OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE STATE CONVENTION WHEAT USE AND RESEARCH COMM.

Chairman, Malcolm Fargher Secretary, Jim Burr
1. The OWGL recognizes the serious problem facing Oregon and the Nation. This is air pollution which is created by the internal combustion engines using fuels containing tetra ethyl lead.

Therefore, be it resolved that the OWGL encourage the Governor to pursue his recommendation and conduct a study on the use and markets for protein, starch and alcohol from wheat.

2. The OWGL favors a campaign to dispense with the use of tetra ethyl lead in gasoline, because of its polluting effects in the air and encourage all other farm organizations, allied businesses and urban organizations to implement legislation.

3. The OWGL favors using the Inverse Subsidy funds to finance research on uses of wheat and these funds be controlled by the NAWG (National Ass'n. Wheat Growers).

4. We recommend that the OWGL hire a person to work on air pollution problems and find people to testify at legislative hearings and we further recommend that the OWGL enter a budget item in the budget to cover the cost of this program. The committee feels that this should take precedence over several other budget items.

5. The OWGL does not favor further research on making synthetic meat out of wheat.

The Glory of Work

Bandleader Lawrence Welk, well known for his "champagne" music believes "... A human being grows and prospers through the dignity of work. Rather than give a man money, simply because he exists ... let us educate him to the glory that can be found in work ... and then bend every effort toward helping him find and hold a job."

Mr. Welk also has a word to say on the effect of a guaranteed annual income on our children. He believes: "... A child raised in an atmosphere of defeat and apathy, and taught to expect that his every need will be taken care of whether he works or not, stands little chance of developing a strong character. His own natural eagerness to learn and to grow and to excel is cut off at the very beginning of his life, and he may never know the thrill of achievement on his own. A child who is encouraged early to earn extra pennies by shining shoes or selling newspapers or doing household tasks, stands a much better chance of achieving his goals than a child who is taught to do nothing."

These words of wisdom from a man of music and entertainment come as a refreshing break in the daily litany of security without effort that we hear on every side.

DANCE

To Live Music
Friday Night
7 p.m. until ?

"HEPPNER'S 4"

Steve Sather, Sandy Matheny
Steve Hedman, Jim Schaffitz
Country Western

ELKS CLUB -- HEPPNER

Dear Editors:

I just wanted to write and let you know how much I enjoy receiving the Gazette-Times. I was born in Heppner in 1946 but I haven't been home since March, 1965. I married a Floridian and have 2 fine girls, so I haven't been able to go back, but the Gazette-Times brings part of Heppner, Kinzua, and Ione to me here, and I can read about my relatives and friends 3,000 miles away and feel as though I were in the same town with them!

Thank you for sending me a "touch of home" and keeping me from being so homesick.

Mrs. Kay Blackmon
formerly Kay Duran
722 S. "J" St.
Pensacola, Florida

Dear G-T:

Do hope you deem the enclosed weddings still newsworthy. I am sorry for the delay but could not be helped. We lived for many years in that great community. Still have many friends there. I am sure they would be interested to read of our sons' weddings. They both went to grade school and high school there. Mike, a graduate of 1965 and Tim 1967.

We enjoy the "letter from home" each week when the G-T arrives.

Wish you all the luck and continued success.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dee Smith
(Mrs. Ray E.)

4852 Kingston Way
San Jose, Calif. 95130

Dear Charlie and Dorothy Heard

As I enclose check for another year's subscription to the old home town paper I want to extend to you my best wishes for a most successful operation. You have already convinced me that you are doing a splendid job toward that goal. Of course the late Wes, and Helen Sherman set a high mark for endeavor and excellence. I am sure you folks will do the same.

My Christmas and New Year greetings to both of you and your fine staff of co-workers. May your years ahead bring about the fulfillment of your every desire for success in your new environment. You will find Morrow County people just about the tops in friendliness and the good solid citizenry of Heppner and the entire area from the Columbia River up to and including the beautiful Blue Mountains, will be with you all the way.

Sincerely,
Art Crawford

Legion Families See Movies

American Legion and Auxiliary families enjoyed a Christmas supper of snacks and goodies Sunday evening at the Legion Hall. Santa Claus, so real his own kids didn't know him, had treats for the nearly 30 youngsters. Walt Disney cartoons finished up the evening.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN SMITH married in La Grande.

Couple Wed in LaGrande

Two weddings occurred earlier this fall which are of interest to Heppner Gazette-Times readers.

Timothy Jon Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Smith of Yakima, formerly of Heppner was married Sept. 20 to Pamela Jean Shuey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shuey of Gold Beach. The double ring ceremony was read by Father Strachota at "Our Lady of the Valley" Catholic Church in La Grande.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a white ankle length gown of re-embroidered dotted organza, styled with a gathered skirt and empire bodice, portrait neckline and short bell sleeves. Her chapel length veil of dotted organza was attached to a baby doll caplet of seed pearls. She carried a nosegay of blue tinted carnations and miniature white rosebuds accented with powder blue ribbon streamers. Her only jewelry was an heirloom locket belonging to her paternal grandmother.

Miss Pat Ecklund was her honor attendant and bridesmaids were Miss Pat Jacobson and Miss Barbara Ecklund. Each wore powder blue street length dresses of dotted swiss styled with ribbon accented empire bodice and short sleeves. They wore triangular head scarves of powder blue net edged with lace and carried nosegays of blue tinted carnations.

Mac Hoskins of Heppner was best man. Ushers were Rod Brown of Springfield, brother-in-law of the bridegroom and Steve Baker, Heppner.

Reception Follows
The blue and white colors were carried out for the reception at the Methodist Church following the ceremony. Laura Hughes presided at the punch bowl and Angie Letz kept the gift and guest registers. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Shuey wore a dress of pale ivory with avocado and bone accessories and Mrs. Smith wore beige orlon knit with orange accessories.

For her going away costume as they left for a week in Canada, the bride wore a brown and beige costume with patent leather accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

The bride is a 1967 graduate of Gold Beach High School and the bridegroom a 1967 graduate of Heppner High School.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SENIOR CITIZENS

Christmas Party
Dec. 18, 2-4 p.m.
No meetings Christmas Day or New Years Day
Heppner Neighborhood Center

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
By Heppner Chapter FFA
Priced as marked. Flocking available

Christmas Lighting Contest
Judging
4:00 Sunday, December 21

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL CHRISTMAS TOURNEY
Wathonka, Condon, Sherman, Heppner, at Heppner
Dec. 19-20

SCHOOL VACATION
Dec. 19 — Jan. 5

Morrow County Gem and Mineral Club Xmas Dinner at Harris Drive-in, 6:30, Dec. 20
Meeting follows at Heppner Auto Parts

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HOLIDAY DANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

IOOF HALL -- 9 'TIL 12:30

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"Rockin' Round The Christmas Tree"

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\$2.50 Couple

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