

Penland Lake Project Progresses Rescue Workers Use Many Supplies



THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE is clearing some of the small trees for a Forest Service campground that will be open to the public. There will be room for trailers, tents and other camping outfits, plus picnic facilities. There will be a boat ramp along the lake shore. Campground is near the dam which is on the south side. There is a big dike on the west side.



SOIL CONSERVATION people, Dale Boner and Cotton Light, confer on progress at Lake Penland. Dale is with the Heppner Soil & Water Conservation District. Mr. Light from The Dalles, is an engineering technician. He said all sorts of interesting and colorful soils, rocks and formations have been discovered. There is imperfect coal, reddish agatized wood, many different clays.



BUSY MAN is Orville Cutsforth who had the idea of developing this prairie for a fine recreational area. He is hauling lumber, moving pipe, then he's on a giant earth mover like this or a huge bulldozer-earth mixer and packer like this. (We don't know what he does in his spare time!)



GETTING STARTED is a big earth mover that will haul many tons of earth and rock to form an earth-fill dam. At the tiller is Bill Weatherford. Mr. Light said he would guess that with weather permitting and no more break downs, they just might finish the main portion of the dam fill in about two weeks. The project is being built by the Lake Penland Corp., a group of private citizens, mostly from Morrow County, who are paying the bill. Harry O'Donnell is president of the corporation. The Oregon State Game Commission will stock the lake with trout. Group is receiving some engineering help through the Heppner Soil & Water Conservation District.



THE LAKE PENLAND project is nearly 50% completed. The concrete drain pipe is in and shown here is the upright standpipe. Top of the dam will be about 3 1/2 feet below the top of this pipe. Another larger pipe will cover the top of this stand pipe. A lateral pipe will lead into the upper part of the pipe to drain off acid water. The Oregon State Game Commission believes that freezing of the vegetation in a lake in the winter causes acid in the water injurious to fish. A drainage from the bottom near the dam will lead up near the top of the standpipe to drain off this acid water. Top of the dam will be about 350 feet long with a height of 139.4 feet high. Water elevation will be 136.4 feet.



A GREAT development is taking place 28 miles south of Heppner. The Lake Penland project will create a lake of 67 surface acres with 590 acre feet of water. Much timber is being made into firewood for cherry winter fires. A great deal of clearing of down timber is to be done yet on the lake which is to be about a half mile long. The well forested shoreline is covered generously with tamarack turning to gold, with evergreen fir, spruce and with lodgepole pine. There are some 25 owners of waterfront tracts of about an acre and a half each. Cabins will be built on them on the east and west sides of the lake.

As an army travels on its stomach so do rescue searchers and literally thousands of sandwiches, 100's of gallons of coffee, cookies, candy bars, apples and punch were taken to the mountains in last week's search for Dr. McMurdo.

The Red Cross stepped in on Sunday to pick up the tab for sandwiches prepared at the Wagon Wheel to start the wheel rolling that picked up momentum as the need became known. Individuals, clubs and organizations from this end of the county became the source of an abundance of food and preparation. There were from 200 to 400 sandwiches made each day depending on the number of searchers going out. Sandwiches were packaged in baggies and then cardboard boxes. The coffee was transported in 5 and 10 gallon milk cans. These were either heated over the campfires or poured into huge coffee pots. Four wheel rigs took them to distribution points for the various searching groups. Drivers included Jack VanWinkle, Hubert Wilson and Clint McQuarrie.

Mrs. Jerry Sweeney's home became the hub for phone calls and coordination of each day's preparation. Mrs. John Mollahan and Mrs. Larry Fetsch were two who worked with Mrs. Sweeney.

Typical of the kind of cooperation received was that of Al Martin. In trying to secure large coffee makers to make the amount of coffee needed, Mrs. Sweeney called Mrs. Al Martin who assured her that she would make their 30-cup percolator full and said she was sure that the school would be glad to make coffee, too. Mr. Martin, working with the elementary school

cooks made the coffee for the succeeding days and on Friday when school was not in session, Mr. Martin made the coffee himself. He did lots of footwork in other areas.

Search and Rescue
The Search and Rescue boys who came in from Portland were housed at the High School. The Episcopal women with Mrs. Merritt Gray as chairman served breakfast to them Thursday and Friday mornings.

Wednesday and Thursday evening meals were prepared from donated food by the high school cooks on their own time.

Friday supper was provided by Lexington Grange with Mrs. Alfred Nelson as chairman.

The Game commission provided elk roasts which were cooked by the Hospital. This was a real treat for the boys. Some of them had never tasted elk meat before. The Hospital cooks were working in many other ways. They cooked meat that was used in sandwiches. They made sandwiches and were on stand-by to help where needed at the last minute.

As Judge Jones said at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber meeting Monday, "If I were to name everyone who helped I'd have to name everybody in this end of the county. Everyone has been so generous, willing and cooperative."

Groups and organizations who had a part in this giant community effort were:

Red Cross, Salvation Army, Central Relief Fund, Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, Heppner Masons and Eastern Stars, DeSpain Bread Route, Central Market, Sweeney Mortuary, CowBelles and Hagers Dairy.

Heppner Elementary and High Schools, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner BPOE No. 353, Morrow County Creamery, Lone Masons and Eastern Star, Lone Willows Grange, Bristow's Market, Lone, Lexington Holly Rebekahs, Episcopal Church and Lexington Grange.

Masonic Building Assn., Crisp Logging, Kinzua Corp., American Legion and Auxiliary, Soroptimist Club, Court Street Market, Christian Church, Wagon Wheel Cafe and Jaycee Wives.

Plus other donations by organizations, clubs, many individuals and groups in the three towns and surrounding areas of food, time, money and many other types of assistance.

Judge Jones Talks to Governor

(Local Council of Governments—Meeting with Governor McCall, October 1, 1970. Address by Judge Paul W. Jones):

Gentlemen:

Governor, may I thank you for the time you are affording us today; from what we know, this must be a very busy time for you.

I must point out that it is our belief that as Governor you have the stature—and I do not refer to physical size—to accept our criticism of administrative districts and help us in arriving at a solution satisfactory to all of us.

May I also emphasize that this is neither a personal nor a political attack upon you. It goes deeper than that, and represents an honest belief that, instead of strengthening local government, it will have the ultimate effect of weakening, or even destroying it, as we know it today.

I do not wish to re-cap what has already been said, but to emphasize some of the fears we have regarding administrative districts.

We in District 12 and in fact most of Eastern Oregon are concerned that this makes more cumbersome our request and participation in federal and state grants.

I have here the agenda for the last meeting of District 12 just last Friday, for which several of those present had to come from 40 to over 100 miles. For instance, we had before us a request from Arlington for approval of a comprehensive water and sewer plan; the same from Umatilla County; and, a request from Prairie City of approval for B.O.R. funds. A request from Mt. Vernon for approval of a grant for a sewer system. There were others which I do not mention.

What possible reason is there for the Administrative District to pass upon those applications and others? It is simply slowing down, instead of speeding up or facilitating applications. It would be possible that some county or city would be forced to wait for almost three months for approval since our district meets only quarterly.

At the same time it has been implied that unless the administrative district approves an application it will be rejected, instead, will be found at the bottom of the pile.

One of the city managers pointed out last Friday that District 12 comprised an area greater than that of Hawaii and Rhode Island—from Pendleton to Canyon City, 130 miles; Heppner to Canyon City, 120 miles; Heppner to Fossil, 65 miles; Pendleton to Heppner, 69 miles. These distances add to the cumbersome

someness of the districts in Eastern Oregon.

It has been pointed out that legislation already exists for administrative districts composing a county and its towns and cities and further that this may go beyond county lines. I refer to chapter 190 of O.R.S.

It must be emphasized that this group has absolutely no quarrel with existing districts or other C. O. G.'s. Instead, we in Eastern Oregon and in fact, in other sections of the state, urge you to take steps to strengthen the provisions of chapter 190 and encourage voluntary agreements between our towns, cities, and counties at the same time keeping inviolate the existing county lines, unless a change is mutually desired and approved by a vote of those concerned.

In conclusion, may I urge that immediate steps be undertaken to resolve this conflict. Oregon has been recognized as having one of the most enlightened state governments in the United States. This misunderstanding and disagreement between State Government and a great area of Oregon is intolerable to us as I am sure it is to you.

May we again extend our thanks to you for meeting with us today.

Car Stolen

The Sheriff's office reported that a 1966 blue and white Bronco had been stolen at the High School. The car belongs to R. G. Watkins.

The Sheriff's office with Mel Boyer completed flying in the North End area but could not find the car nor the two suspected juveniles.

Dynamite Found

Deputy Sheriff Larry Fetsch and Roadmaster Doc Sherer this week removed three sticks of dynamite and some dynamite caps from rafters in an elevator near lone. Sheriff Mollahan reported the dynamite appeared to be about 20 years old. It was believed that the explosives had been stored in the elevator for several years.

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Three File For City Council Positions In Boardman

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — Petitions were filed Tuesday night of last week at the meeting of the city council

for three names to be on the fall ballot for city councilman. They included Ronald Black, Joe Tatone and Wally Hendrix.

In other business Ron Daniels was appointed to a four year term on the city planning commission.

Announcement was made of the League of Oregon Cities convention to be held in Portland Nov. 8-10 and all city officials invited to attend. Mayor Dewey West, Jr., is a member of the executive board of the League.

The Urban Renewal Agency has received the audit report from Earl Glidewell in Hermiston.

A joint meeting of national, state and city officials was held Tuesday of last week at the city hall to establish a program of mosquito control for 1971 for Boardman and surrounding area. Mayor Dewey West, Jr. conducted the meeting. Water levels and

stagnant ponds were among the things discussed. All agencies represented offered their full cooperation.

Present from the U. S. Corps of Engineers were Ernie Hesser and M.J. Schollenberger of Walla Walla, Wash., and Gordon Richardson of McNary; from the Oregon State Health Department were George Runyan of Portland and Jack Wright of Pendleton. Others present included Lee Hotchkiss of Umatilla, from the Bureau of Sports, Fisheries and Wildlife; Larry Phillips, chairman, and Arnold Hoffman from the Boardman Vector Control District; and Zearl Gillespie and Joe Tatone, city councilman.

There were three tables of pinocle in play at the first card party held last week at the Greenfield Grange hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. W. G. Seehafer was hostess. High score was won by Mrs.

Albert Warnock and low went to Maybelle Wetherell of Arlington. Mrs. Warnock and Faye Anderson received the traveling pinocle prizes.

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