

Willow Creek Funds Okayed in Swift Senate Action

NASA Team Visits North End of County

The National Space Agency team, exploring the country for a site for a space shuttle station, told an audience at a luncheon July 28 at Dodge City Inn at Boardman, they were looking for 58,000 acre site, and flew over the Boeing tract.

The team was headed by Jerry Gaffney. Other team members, some of whom made talks, were Roy Bullock, Col. Carlos Fox, Jim Spears, Frank Coski and Phil De May.

The core area of 58,000 acres would have an outside perimeter area of 359,000 acres they would also control because of the noise from the take offs.

The space shuttle is a recoverable rocket with the appearance of an airplane. For reasons of economy they wish to reduce the cost of launchings to \$5 million each. Purpose includes recovery payloads in orbit and a return to earth. They would plan to reservice and repair satellites. They would carry crews and supplies to space stations.

They would be available to perform world defense missions. The space shuttle would be available to rescue crews from crippled space craft.

They plan to reuse the same vehicles time and time again to save money. Costs have run from \$4 million to \$445 million for launchings.

Mr. Gaffney explained that their preference would be for a station on the equator as the greater angle between the launch site and the due east orbit, the greater the cost of getting into orbit. Cost analysis is being done for each of the 76 sites the team is evaluating. Most of the sites are in the western half of the U. S. except for several sites in Mississippi and Florida.

The site chosen would require 3,000 workers on the station plus some 6,000 for support. One man later described this as probably one of the greatest political plums in the history of the USA. (Folks at Boardman have had a feeling their day would arrive sometime. We are sure this is going to happen though we don't know just what form it will take. We do think it will be a city and will result from efforts of the folks at Boardman, the Port of Morrow and Boeing's projects.)

Rep. Al Ullman To Visit Dam Site

Rep. Al Ullman has informed Judge Paul Jones that he will fly to Lexington next Thursday morning, arriving about 8:40 a.m. With District Engineer Col. Dick Conell, Judge Jones and Mayor Bill Collins, Rep. Ullman will make an on-site inspection of Willow Creek and Shobe Creek. He is particularly interested in the dam site on Willow Creek and the progress on Shobe Creek.

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City Mulls Project Costs

Mayor Bill Collins read the report of the engineer from Clark and Groff for the estimates for four bridges, the swimming pool, black top streets, moving utilities (sewer and water lines) and a guard rail on Cannon St. at the City Council Monday evening. The total estimate was \$102,000.

The Farm Home Administration has assured City Council that the city qualified for 50% help with the replacing of the sewer and water lines to meet the specifications of channel improvements as outlined by the Corps of Engineers.

The estimate for moving the sewer and water lines was \$16,000. With the FHA paying 50%, this would take the total estimate down to \$84,000 of money needed to be raised.

The bridge estimates were based on the sizes of bridges that would be required for the channel improvements proposed by the Corps of Engineers. The cost estimate of the four bridges was \$65,000 or with an alternate with log beams of \$50,000. There would be three car bridges at Main St., Chase St., and Hager's and the foot bridge by the Bowling Alley.

The guard rail on Cannon was \$1200.

The Swimming pool estimates were: repave at swimming pool \$2000, swimming pool (lowest contractors' proposal) \$16,000, and City cost on swimming pool \$2000. There was some question among the council members on the \$2000 for the city costs on the swimming pool.

No channel improvements were included in the estimate because the city is assuming the Corps of Engineers will come in to do that.

Report from the Corps

In conversation with Jim Perry of the Corps of Engineers Wednesday morning, he said their report on the Shobe channel improvement project had been submitted to their Washington office. The federal office in turn files the report with the Environmental Council. They sit on the report for 90 days. The Corps has had numerous communications with them asking for a waiver. They have indicated to the Council that Shobe is not a mountain stream frequented by wild life that the channel improvement would disturb.

He anticipates that the waiver will be approved by the Environmental Council and the project by the U. S. office of the Corps of Engineers any day now.

Groff and Clark recommended that the city float a bond issue. It was suggested the Willow Creek water line be included in the same bond issue.

For some years Council has reviewed the need for replacing 3 miles of water line down Willow Creek. At the time it was laid in depression days, it was laid in a zig-zag pattern to slow the flow. Vic said that he was sure the lower sections would have filled with sediment and rust to where there is perhaps only 50% efficiency. He feels that the new line laid on grade would increase the amount of water coming into town.

With the anticipation of new families moving to Hepner and more lots being opened up in the Rasmussen-Lott Addition, the need for more water will increase. The attorney said that considerable saving could be achieved in just attorney costs by combining the expenses into one bond levy rather than two.

Randy Lott appeared at the meeting to review his plans for opening up 28 more lots adjoining the High School property and south. He said he had checked with Vic on the required width of the street. The 50 foot wide street will have a dead end circle.

The water problem was discussed as the lots are going above the gravity system of the city water system. Randy said booster pumps may be installed at each home. Vic pointed out that it is cheaper to push water than it is to pull it and suggested that a larger pump be installed that would push the water up the hill to the entire section.

Larry Mills appeared in the interests of Dale Boner, Rose Marie Buschke and himself in regard to vacating an unnamed alley that touches on their property. The street committee Dave McLeod, Jerry Sweeney (Continued on page 10)

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Merchants will have an important luncheon meeting Friday noon at the Wagon Wheel.

GRAIN PRICES

F.O.B. Lexington. does not include warehouse chgs.)

(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
White Wheat \$1.44 1/2
Red Wheat \$1.49 1/2
Barley \$39.00

\$300,000 Approved For Planning Stage

Judge Paul Jones and the G-T were called Saturday by Sen. Packwood's office. In an unprecedented burst of speed, they said the Senate had approved \$300,000 to start pre-construction studies on the Willow Creek Dam. Rep. Al Ullman also called Judge Jones about this Saturday and felt confident the start of actual planning would come soon.

It has been reported previously that the U. S. Corps of Engineers would require about two years of planning before letting bids for the actual construction of the dam. Project is for flood control, irrigation and recreation. Dam would back up a lake about three quarters of a mile long. A portion of the Willow Creek road will have to be changed. Project originally was expected to cost \$7 million. This cost has now grown to nearly \$10 million. The Corps has included work on Shobe Creek along with channel work on Willow Creek in the total cost.

Saturday Night Dance To Honor Princess Jan



HERE'S PRINCESS JAN SCHLICHTING for whom a dance is to be held honoring her at the Fairgrounds Pavilion, Saturday night Aug. 7. She is sponsored by Tillicum Club of Boardman. The dance will have music provided by the Western Gentlemen. You may read about her in a feature in this issue of the Gazette-Times, inside.

Coronation Night Set for August 14

August 14 is a big night for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court but the biggest for Queen Michelle. This is Coronation Night. The festivities begin with a potluck supper for the Court, the Fair Board and Rodeo Board and families and friends.

Then comes the big moment when Queen Michelle will receive her brilliant tiara followed by royal entertainment. All of Morrow County, family and friends are cordially invited to share in the festivities beginning at 8 p.m. at the Grand Stands. Charlie Daly, rodeo chairman, will act as emcee.

The program according to Rodeo secretary, Joyce Ritch, who by that time will be Mrs. Elwayne Bergstrom, will include musical numbers by the Wagon Wheel entertainers, Roy Quackenbush combo, Grass Valley Musicians and a group from Boardman.

The younger members of the community will engage in Horse Games. The Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce have put up \$50 prize money for the winners.

Novelty entertainment will be provided by the Ione Grand Squares and Mark Neal's unicyclist trio.

The sound will be courtesy of Mike Matthews of Ione. Heppner Soroptimist Club will provide the corsages for the court and chaperone.

Japanese Wheat Men Visit Area Ranches

Harold Kerr, Morrow County agent, had some visitors here early this week. Two of them were Japanese grain men, Akira Hirose came from the Mitsubishi International Corp. of New York, and Seiichi Nagao is the assistant chief chemist of the quality control section of the Nishin Flour Mill, largest flour mill in Tokyo, Japan. Accompanied by Dr. Norm Goetze of the OSU farm crops department and a young Turkish graduate student, the group toured some wheat ranches, rode a combine and saw action from the harvest field to the elevator.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	100	62	—
Thursday	98	60	—
Friday	102	62	—
Saturday	103	67	—
Sunday	96	70	—
Monday	94	61	—
Tuesday	90	59	—

July precipitation 67
Normal prec. 32
July 1970 prec. 23

Senator Packwood to Make Monday Stop in Hepner

Senator Bob Packwood will be in Hepner Monday to view first hand the area of the May, 1971 flood and also the area of the projected Willow Creek project.

He is expected to arrive here from Condon during the afternoon. Accompanying him on the tour will be Judge Paul Jones, Mayor Bill Collins, Chamber of Commerce Gene Pierce and Major Hickman from the Ordnance Depot.

Following the tour, there will be sometime when the Senator will be free to travel up and down Main St., meeting people. There will be a potluck that evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Annex at the Fairgrounds. All are invited to cuss and discuss views with the Senator. It is hoped that Democrats as well as Republicans will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet with the Senator.

Coffee, iced tea, paper plates and cups will be furnished at the family potluck. Those attending are asked to bring own silverware and the serving spoon for the potluck dish. Casual dress has been suggested. Anyone needing a ride to attend the dinner is asked to call Marie Van Marter at 676-9430.

Ione Garden Club Will Meet Aug. 11

The Ione Garden Club will meet Aug. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W.H.I. Padberg in Lexington. Mrs. Kenneth Klinger will be co-hostess. The program, "Interviewing Garden Insects" will be presented by Mrs. Klinger and Mrs. Lee Padberg.

Wagner Plane Found in Sierras

Dr. Wagner's clinic in Yuba City, Calif., reported Tuesday that the plane of Dr. Clifford Wagner had been found last Thursday by a fisherman in a rugged area of the high Sierras about 23 miles southeast of Lake Tahoe. A helicopter made tentative identification Friday but a big storm came up and it was not possible to bring out the remains early this week but it was hoped this would be done in a day or two.

In the plane which disappeared May 31 on a flight from Goldfield, Nev., where Dr. Wagner, 53; his wife Pat, and her daughter, Laura 14, and his son, Curtis, 21 months.

Dr. Wagner had practiced for some years in Hepner before moving to California. Funeral services have been set tentatively for Friday in Yuba City.

Another Deer Hits Car

When Mr. and Mrs. Bud Springer were enroute to Redmond to see their first grandson recently, near Camp 6 a deer ran into the side of their brand new International Traveler. The right rear door was badly smashed. As Bud says, "that deer just wanted to go with us".

The new grandson has been named Richard Martin and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Springer.

Chamber Buys Grid Scoreboard

The Hepner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce board last weekend okayed the purchase of a big football scoreboard for the local stadium at the Fairgrounds.

The \$2200 scoreboard will have the name "Hepner Mustangs" on top with Pepsi-Cola underneath the name. The board is 18 feet long by 10 1/2 feet high, it has a clock and is complete in every way. The Pepsi-Cola bottlers will donate \$500 towards purchase and there are some other local donations. Some funds will come from the college football games here, too. The school custodians will erect the sign which is expected here by football season.

President Gene Pierce reported that Mrs. L. E. Dick has done a lot of work on postcards to commemorate the Hepner Centennial. He said Gwen Drake and Val Boyer will operate a booth at the Fair for the Chamber, selling the Morrow County History books.

A 7-Tour Set
An Ag Tour has been scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16 at Boardman. The tour will start from here at 3:30 p.m. and tour ranches through the Sand Hollow area with a Chamber dinner at the Dodge City Inn at Boardman at 7:30 p.m. Participating besides the Chamber of Commerce would be members of the Port of Morrow Commission, city officials of Boardman, Irigoin, Lexington, Ione and Hepner and the Morrow County Court.

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Boeing To Recycle Waste at Boardman

Boeing to recycle wastes from Portland Metropolitan Area at Boardman site in Oregon.

The Boeing Company and a Portland firm, Columbia Processors Cooperative, announced plans for using the Boardman industrial site as a terminal for recycling waste products from the Portland Metropolitan area.

Denver Grigsby, general manager of Boeing's Boardman Development Project, said Boeing will accept three kinds of waste products at Boardman — solid, liquid and chemical, each requiring a different method of handling. Grigsby pointed out that initial phases of the waste disposal program will be conducted as a research and test project to prove out the economic and ecological benefits of the system.

"We don't intend to go into a full-blown program until we know exactly how everything fits together," Grigsby said. "There is a big problem in urban waste disposal begging for a solution, and we believe we have the right approach. But we must be sure we meet the best interests of the state's ecological objectives and the best interests of the Portland area in solving its waste disposal problem. We have worked with the state and other government concerned offices to assure these objectives are met and we will continue to do so."

Columbia Processors Cooperative will pick up the waste

products from domestic and industrial sources in the Portland area and deliver them to a dock which Boeing will build on Columbia river front property located south of the river in Northeastern Oregon.

If experiments prove the matter feasible, there would be about 13 employed on the Boardman end of the enterprise.

The Columbia Processors Cooperative, a joint venture of more than a dozen liquid waste pumping and hauling firms, was organized more than a year ago to seek solutions to waste disposal problems in the Portland Metropolitan area.

The Co-op's chairman, Cliff Schiel, explained plans for developing a water-front transfer station site in the Portland area for collecting and proper handling of all the wastes that will be utilized by Boeing in eastern Oregon. "We have been working closely with government at all levels to engineer a system that is economically feasible and one that offers the best recycling possibilities. Boeing's plan for its Boardman area property is the natural and best solution to our disposal problems."

Grigsby said the urban waste recycling and disposal program will meet several objectives. The major objective is to solve an increasingly difficult waste disposal problem for a metropolitan area of about 1,000,000 population. The solid and liquid waste products will be mixed

into the most arid and least productive land area. The wastes will add stability to wind-blown land and increase its productivity for eventual crop production.

A cost survey indicates that using Boardman as a site for these waste products compared very favorably with present disposal methods such as sanitary landfills. It has become increasingly difficult to solve urban waste disposal problems with sanitary landfills and a new approach is urgently required. In some cases, landfills are causing a pollution and economic problem in their respective areas.

Using solid and liquid wastes to enrich otherwise unproductive soil was cited by Cliff Schiel as the most desired program the Cooperative investigated. He said member firms of the Cooperative would collect certain chemical and industrial wastes, domestic sewage sludges and food processing plant wastes. At the transfer station they could accept from refuse haulers most other forms of solid waste except used appliances, building debris and certain other bulky items.

Columbia Processors Cooperative will run solid waste products (such as garbage, paper, cans, bottles and wood) through a hammer mill shredder to reduce it to a pulpy, semi-dry compost compacted to about one-fourth of its original volume. This will be barged up the Columbia River to Boardman and spread in a four-inch layer on selected areas. The liquid wastes (such as sewage treatment plant sludges) will be barged up the river and spread over the solid wastes in a layer about one-fourth inch thick. Both types of wastes will then be disced under the soil surface within a 48-hour period.

Chemical wastes will be trucked to Boardman and placed in special holding pits until they evaporate. The pits will be lined and covered with protective screening so that pollution through leaching and danger to wild life or livestock will be prevented. When the chemical wastes have evaporated they will be "mined" and the materials reused.

Grigsby said the Boardman site is uniquely suited for waste disposal in Oregon. "There are many areas on the site where waste products can be disposed of with no problem whatever so far as the environmental impact is concerned. The top soil is porous and a hard pan underneath it will prevent any leaching of the wastes through into the water table or the river."

In addition, Grigsby said, other locations throughout the United States and the world have comparable soil conditions. The Boardman waste disposal project could have tremendous significance for other urban areas where waste disposal is a

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