

A Dam Celebration As told by Orville Cutsforth

The dam was completed and the valve was about to be closed to back water up over Penland Prairie. The wearisome red tape, the frustrations, the headaches were all under the last blade full of dirt. While the formal dedication of the dam would not be held until the spring, Orville Cutsforth, the father of the project had something to celebrate and celebrate he did. It was a beautiful day.

The party began as the siren on Orville's rig called all the owners working on their lots to the dam. Mrs. Earl Baldwin, wife of the engineer who started construction of the dam, broke the champagne and she cut the last of the "red tape" with oversized scissors.

At that time there were 3 acres of water stored behind the dam and it had about one more foot to raise to reach the level of the valve.

How It Began

The project according to Orville started when Paul Jones was running for office, he promised to develop a water impoundment in Morrow County. Morrow County doesn't have a lake or a reservoir. He appointed Orville chairman of the Park Commission to find the site for the proposed body of water. The best site he says he found was at Hayden Valley on Ray Wright's land, but he didn't want it on his land. Swale Creek, a cooperative movement of the Forest Service and Game Commission has been abandoned temporarily. North Jones Prairie looked good but it was a part of the Jack French Estate and was next to impossible to get. There was a site on Rock Creek that they favored but Shirley Hugg proposed giving Morrow County an option on Penland Prairie instead. The option ma-

tured and there was nothing in the budget to take up the option. Orville called the bank and said, "If I write a check for \$45,000 what will you do?" The reply came clear and fast, "I'd cash it and send you a note." So the check went to the county and Orville signed the note. He figured it would work out as a 60 to 90 day loan but he did considerable thought about the \$14 a day interest it was costing him. Finally the county deeded him the meadow. Orville didn't want the meadow and he was still paying that \$14 a day interest.

He stopped by to talk to Cornett Green and Cornett was talkin' and thinkin' at the same time. "Why don't you sell lots around that meadow to finance that thing? I'll take a lot at \$2500 and so will Joe and Steve no we'll take 'em at \$3000."

Well Orville says "I've made \$9000 in 3 seconds I think I'll go uptown. In two days he'd sold 17 lots.

He signed his land up with the Soil Conservation Service who agreed to engineer it as a recreation area. Leland Hardy, engineer at that time at the Dalles walked across the project and said, "Best I've seen in Oregon" and took a lot.

Progress was slow and then there was a whole change of personnel. Mallory with the Forest Service transferred to Portland from Pendleton. Leland Hardy transferred with the Soil Conservation Service to Jefferson and Ralph Richards retired.

This delayed the operation about a year. Soil samples were taken but the results were slow coming back. Spring of 1970, the Lake Penland Corp. solicited bids to build the dam. The bid was \$103,000 and the Corp. had about \$35,000 to put on the dam after buying the 160 acres from Orville. So here they had sold 24 lots to have an average of 120 foot lake frontage and no lake!

To Alaska

Baldwin Bros. (Frank and Earl) were in the construction business on Orville's mining operations in Alaska. Frank and Orville went down in their plane in the Yukon. They came out and later they drove in to get the plane. He persuaded the boys to leave off the gold for awhile and build the dam. He guaranteed Earl wages and \$3500 profit if he would build the dam. Orville figures the 130 days he put in on the project just about saved the profit he'd guaranteed the contractor.

Earl had a terminal sickness and tried to finish the dam but died in December, 1970. Frank finished it spring of 1971.

A contractor is now building a road around behind to all the lots. For this he gets lot No. 11. Depending on the water line, the lots have from 120 to 135 feet of water frontage. They run narrow in the front and wide at the back.

The Game Commission bought about 2000 feet of frontage for \$15,000 for public access. They will keep the lake stocked with fish. Orville says Glen Ward has done more work up there than anyone. He's worked 7 days a week and 12-14 hours a day.

The dam is on Forest Service land and they gave a use permit on 15 acres of land. The old road went across the meadow and the county has built a new access road at the dam end of the meadow. Plans call for a Forest Camp, public parking area and boat docking facilities.

What is Orville's next project? He says he has a little silver now so he can go back to his gold project in Alaska. It's on the Kobuk River that flows in to Kotzebue. Kotzebue has a population of 1500, mostly dogs and kids.

4-H SEWING

We attended our first 4-H sewing meeting with our new 4-H leader. Our new leader is Ann Griffith. Our old leader was Liz Curtis.

Kathy Schwarzin opened the meeting. We elected officers; they were: President, Patti Saling; vice president, Lisa Burkenbine; secretary, Karen Winter; reporter, Kathy Schwarzin; sergeant of arms, Debbie Holland. The 19th of October will be our next meeting. Karen Winter will bring refreshments. Our members from last year were Patti Saling, Kathy Marshall, Joan Ployhar, Karen Winter, Debbie Holland, Carmen Clow, Kathy Schwarzin, Lisa Burkenbine, Becky Stillman is the only one that isn't taking sewing who took it last year.

Kathy Schwarzin, reporter

Lu Kirby Services

Funeral services were held Wednesday in The Dalles for Lu Kirby. The Kirby ranch is just across the county line in Gilliam County on lower Willow Creek. She died unexpectedly within two hours after she entered the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke Gentry have purchased the Stan Cox house on Alken St.

Elsie McCarty Borg Buried at Heppner

Graveside services for Elsie McCarty Borg were held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m. with Rev. Don Johnson of Heppner Christian Church officiating. Memorial services were held at Caldwell's Funeral Service in Portland Saturday morning.

Mrs. Borg was born on the Sand Hollow ranch of her parents Louella Jane Turner and William Granville McCarty on July 1, 1887. She passed away at Emanuel Hospital, Portland, on Oct. 21, 1971. She attended schools in Heppner and Portland, and was married to Oscar Borg in 1910. The parents of both Dr. and Mrs. Borg were prominent pioneers of Morrow County. Dr. and Mrs. Borg lived in Heppner until 1921 when they moved to Missoula, Mont. In 1924 they moved to Portland and have lived there since that time.

Survivors are the husband, Oscar, of Portland; a sister, Muriel Runnion of Heppner; nieces and nephews, LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., and Elaine George of Heppner, Paul McCarty of Portland, Frances McCarty of San Francisco, and a niece and nephew of Dr. Borg.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Archie H. Nichols and Agnes Nichols to Earl Papineau and Charlene Papineau, 30 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23 Tp 1 SR 25 and tract in McAllister Add. to Lexington.

Avis White to Gordon A. White and Maravine S. White. Lots 7 & 8 Block 3 Sperry's First Addition to Town of Ione.

Max Hellberg and Marilyn Hellberg, Leland Hellberg and Carolyn E. Hellberg to Hansell Bros., Inc. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1 Tp 3 NR 26 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 6 Tp 3 NR 27.

Hansell Bros., Inc. to Arnold Braat and Mary Lou Braat. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1 Tp 3 NR 26 & N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 6 Tp 3 NR 27.

C. Ervin Anderson and Alena Anderson to Thomas D. Springer and Viola L. Springer. Tract in Block 2 Looney's Addition to City of Heppner.

Lowell L. Gribble and Dolores L. Gribble to Samuel A. Steers and Ruby Fay Steers. Tract in NE corner Sec. 34 Tp 2 SR 26, City of Heppner.

James A. Phegley and Marlys Phegley to Robert Clyde Duncan and SueZanne Duncan. Fraction of Lot 1 Block 1 Quaid's Addition to City of Heppner North of Hinton Creek.

Columbia Basin Electric Co-operative Inc. to Degree of Honor Protective Assn. W. 54 Feet of Lots 11 & 2 Block 10 Stansbury's Addition to Heppner.

Georgia Brewster and Margaret B. Troedson to Robert Y. Perry and Phyllis E. Perry. Lot 1 Block 1 Cluff's Addition to City of Ione.

William E. Nelson and Elaine M. Nelson to John I. Bozarth and LaVerne N. Bozarth. Lot 6

Block 6 West Boardman.

Helen Jones and Marvin Jones and Sylvia McDaniel and Carl McDaniel to Archie T. Esteb and Verona J. Esteb. Tract in Lot 1 Block 2 Mt. Vernon's 2nd Addition to City of Heppner.

Archie T. Esteb and Verona J. Esteb to D. F. McEwen and Betty E. McEwen. Tract in Lot 1 Block 2 Mt. Vernon's and Addition to City of Heppner.

Muriel E. Carpenter to Louis F. LeTrace and Margaret A. LeTrace. Sec. 14 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Tp 4 NR 24.

Mabel Ring to Bernice L. Fletcher. W. 100 feet Block 14, Wills Addition to City of Ione. Also, E. 20 feet of W. 120 feet Block 14 Wills Addition to City of Ione.

John J. Wightman to Anna J. Graham. Tract in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17 Tp 2 SR 26.

Oliver Creswick and Hester G. Creswick to J. F. Sweeney and Olive V. Sweeney. Lots 8, 9 & 10, Block 7 Ayer's 4th Addition to Town of Heppner.

Vernon D. Dillon and Dorothy Jean Dillon to Carl W. Christiansen and Joan A. Christiansen and Charles G. Christiansen and Betty L. Christiansen. Tract in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24 Tp 5 NR 26.

Ruth H. McMurdo to Kate J. Young. Lodge of Degree of Honor Protective Assn. South 24.1 ft. of Lots 4 & 7 and North 9 feet of Lots 5 & 6 in Block 3, City of Heppner.

Ada Jane Piper to Frank W. Turner. Lot 9 Block 19 Mt. Vern's Addition to Heppner.

Thomas Barnhart and Regina Barnhart to Stanley G. Henkle and Barbara J. Henkle. W $\frac{1}{2}$ of tract in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18 Tp 4 NR 25.

Norman Nelson and Jean E. Nelson to Alfred H. Nelson Jr. and Helen E. Nelson. E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 32; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 32; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 33; Tp 1 NR 25.

Alfred H. Nelson Jr. and Helen E. Nelson to Norman Nelson and Jean E. Nelson. All Sec. 16; W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 9; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4; all NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8 of REA power line comprising 1427 acres in Tp 1

SR 24.

Alfred H. Nelson Jr. and Helen E. Nelson to Norman Nelson and Jean E. Nelson. Tract in NE Corner Sec. 3 Tp 1 SR 25.

Alfred H. Nelson Jr. and Helen E. Nelson to Norman Nelson and Jean E. Nelson. $\frac{1}{4}$ int. in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4 Tp 1 SR 25. Also, Govt. Lots 1 & 2 Sec. 4 Tp 1 SR 25.

Qt. Cl. Deed. Bertha Viola Nelson to Norman Nelson and Jean E. Nelson. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4 Tp 1 SR 25.

Pers. Rep. Deed. Helen Petty-John, Rep. Ernest R. Lundell estate to Robert C. Drake. Lot 2 Block 1 Cluff's 2nd Addition to Town of Ione.

Qt. Cl. Deed. Full Gospel Church of Irrigon to Assemblies of God, Oregon District. Lots 16, 17, 18 in Block 26, Townsite of Irrigon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gonty of Seattle were overnight visitors with Ray's folks Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty and his brothers Doug and Tom. The Ray Gontys were on the way home after a trip to Las Vegas. Ray is now employed in the administration unit of the police force. He has been with the force in Seattle several years.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients dismissed: Eva DeMerritt, Kinzua; Kevin Gutierrez, Ione; Jeritha Botts, Linda Corbin, Mike and Bruce Bergstrom, and Dee Jones, all Heppner. Still receiving treatment: Mike Doherty, Lloyd Wilson, Heppner. John Wightman is a new patient.

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Regular Meeting 1:15 p.m.



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