

### Willow Creek Dam Project Reviewed

About 150 people attended a public meeting Jan. 5th at the Morrow County Court House. The meeting had been called by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and hosted by the City of Heppner and Morrow County to review the Willow Creek dam project.

The dam was authorized in 1963 and planning funds of \$300,000 have been okayed by Congress. Col. Richard Conwell, Walla Walla district engineer, said the first step is to take a fresh look at the project: review the cost, environmental impact and economy of the plan; the recreation, flood control and irrigation aspects. These things will occupy the Corps through fall of 1972. Then the design phase for the dam will run through 1973. Construction will require about 3 years and will start when Congress provides funds for the project.

Howard Hoggan, is the Corps of Engineers project coordinator who offered a review of the 1963 Willow Creek studies. Biggest thunderstorm type flood and worst cloudburst disaster in the U. S. A. was the 1903 Heppner flood. It discharged 36,000 cfs (cubic feet seconds) here. A similar flood at present costs would see flood damages of \$6,600,000. 247 people lost their lives in this flood. Second largest known flood in the basin occurred from a thunderstorm above Heppner in May, 1934. Many smaller floods have also occurred and there is a definite need for flood protection.

A lack of irrigation water is also a big problem. To partly offset the deficient water supply during the summer months, farmers irrigate heavily during winter and early spring to try and build up soil moisture storage. But there is insufficient moisture supply to maintain the growing season for forage crops beyond midsummer. There are about 2750 acres of partly irrigated land in the valley below Heppner now and 3700 have water rights. Storage can partly solve the problem, he said.

He said the only future additional municipal and industrial water supply of significance would be at Heppner. Water supply now is from three wells and amounts to about 510 acre feet annually. By the year 2010 need will be about 900 acre feet. City's request for 100 feet of storage for future industrial need has been incorporated into project planning. Multiple purpose uses include recreation such as boating and fishing.

A number of reservoir sizes were analyzed and it was determined most favorable benefit-cost ratio was from a reservoir of 11,500 acre-feet. Mr. Hoggan showed viewgraphs giving allocations of space the storage reservoir for the various purposes. Channel improvements through the town provide a channel capacity of 1500 cfs plus three feet of freeboard downstream for about one and a half miles.

He told of relocating Willow Creek county road with 2 miles of new construction; 9 miles of Balm Creek county road with 8 mile of new; 1.75 miles of 8-inch water supply line with 2.1 miles of new lines; a 780,000 gallon water storage reservoir; 4 miles of telephone lines; and 2 miles of power lines.

Dam will be a rock fill embankment about 155 feet high, length of 1700 feet. Top width is 32 feet. Storage at minimum pool would be 1900 acre feet and surface area 76 acres. Maximum storage pool would be about 10,200 acre-feet with a surface of 224 acres. Reservoir would extend up Willow Creek 1.45 miles and up Balm Fork 1 mile.

Developments include site for swimming, picnicking, boating, boat launching, camping. Oregon State Game Commission would stock trout fishery and hunter access would be developed in conjunction with Corps of Engineers basic recreation facilities.

He showed a viewgraph depicting 1500 cfs channel through Heppner. Improvements include where necessary ripraping, two concrete retaining walls on channel bends. Bottom width would vary from 25 to 40 feet. City will pay for costs of utility relocation for the flood control channel through town. Estimate is \$13,500. Government will be reimbursed by non-Federal agencies for project costs allocated to irrigation, water supply, recreation.

Mayor Bill Collins thanked Col. Conwell and Mr. Hoggan for their fine comprehensive

### GRAIN PRICES

(FOB Lexington does not include warehouse chgs)

Courtesy MCGG

Soft white wheat	1.49 1/2 bu.
White club	1.50 1/2 bu.
Red wheat	1.50 1/2 bu.
Barley	46.50 ton

58th Year

Price 10 Cents

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Chamber Has Multi-Faceted Meeting

Before George Johnston spoke on his work as area Extension Agent in charge of Employment Services, several items of vital interest were discussed at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber meeting Monday.

President L. E. Dick said he would not be able to attend the Jan. 22 annual meeting of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. He urged anyone able to go please let him know. Two complimentary tickets were given

on the Chamber and last year the Chamber bought two additional tickets.

In a brief financial statement, Pat Wonsler reported a cash balance on hand last year of \$83,800 and a cash balance at the beginning of this year of \$98,750.

Savings account of \$419,200 with a deposit of \$10 plus interest leaves it at \$448,060.

Expenditures included nearly \$500 spent for new Christmas lights this year.

Gene Pierce passed around colored pictures taken by Bob Henderson at the annual Town and Country banquet. Anyone wishing to order them at 50c for pictures or slides may do so at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Gene also called attention to the 6900 post cards of the Courthouse and aerial view of Heppner now available through the Chamber. The pictures were taken last summer by Rachel Dick. "Proceeds from the cards will be used for a Centennial float," he said.

**Scoreboard Fund**  
The scoreboard at the football field was purchased at a cost of \$1584.06. A total of \$966.10 has been collected for the board which leaves a balance of \$617.96. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this fund may send his check or leave it with Pat Wonsler, treasurer, at First National.

**Cigarette Tax**  
Supt. Ron Daniels explained the Cigarette tax this way.

"The 1971 Legislature enacted a 5c per pack increase in the Cigarette Tax. This increase was referred by petition for a vote of the people.

This referendum along with changes in Federal Income Tax laws resulted in a state budget deficit of \$42,000,000. As a result of these two items a special session of the legislature was held in which state budgets were reduced by 11.7 million dollars. The special session also passed bills freezing state income tax deductions and established a special election on the cigarette tax increase for Jan. 1, 1972.

The legislature also passed a bill authorizing a general 2% cut in all sections of the state general fund budget, in the event that the cigarette tax increase was defeated.

In addition if the freeze on income tax deductions is referred to the people for a vote and is defeated there would be an additional cut of 2% in all general fund budgets. Each 2% deduction would amount to approximately \$8.50 per student in basic school support money. A 2% decrease in basic school support money would result in a loss of \$9480 in Morrow County School District."

Mr. Dick questioned the Chambers position on the proposed highway from Washington. It was agreed to align the chamber's position with the position favored by the cities along the Columbia, Boardman, Irigoin and the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

Herman Winter won the pot, George Johnston  
Working under the Department of Labor, George Johnston, told the Chamber that he had been given a sub-contract to open Employment offices in the four counties where there were no services. He was to build up traffic for job placements. He has had 35 new people register for employment. He has been able to place 9 in permanent jobs and 15 in part time temporary jobs in connection with Knox's Fire Sale.

Recently an employment counselor was added to the staff. He will give tests to determine the ones who might profit from more training.

He has placed one veteran in job-training. He anticipates meeting each employer in the four counties to seek out more vocational openings.

He is exploring the apprenticeship program. He hopes to develop 100% cooperation within all Man Power Agencies in the area.

He is promoting with BMCC an electrical course in January in the Boardman area on Center Pivot Irrigation systems. Those who are in the business now will be given first chance and other slots will be filled with unemployed and those on welfare.

**Programs**  
Harold Kerr will speak on Jan. 17 on land use and the proposed county zoning ordinance. On Jan. 31 Milton Morgan will talk on his recent trip to India.

### Trees and Poles Down Cause Power Outage

The power was off for about 6 hours on Tuesday which slowed business during the wind storm. Winds hit nearly 70 miles an hour in about three areas of the county. Winds were up to 155 miles per hour near Pasco. Umatilla County wind gusts were up to 80 miles an hour.

Bill Gentry of Columbia Basin said Wednesday morning that the first two times the power was off earlier was due to the wind blowing their conductors together. Then serious damage was suffered on the PP and L lines in the Umatilla area with trees and poles down. It is these lines that feed Columbia Basin. With no phone service, Bill said they couldn't get through so he finally sent a man up there to watch the switches.

Power outage continued in the Gurdane area. Columbia Basin had a crew on it Wednesday morning.



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Kim Gutierrez of Ione won the Elks annual Free Throw Contest this year. This weekend he will go to Corvallis for the Elks State Free Throw Contest. Accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gutierrez, he will be guest at a banquet and attend the Oregon State basketball game. The state winner will be the highest number of free throws out of 75.

There were 50 Junior High boys in the local competition from Ione and Heppner. Kim was successful in making 40 out of 50 free throws to become the champion. All of Morrow County wishes him "Good Luck."

Clint Agee of Heppner and Jerry Martin of Ione co-chaired the contest.

### Kinzua Corp. Buys Heppner Mill

The JAMES B. MALCOM COMPANY, a corporation doing business in Oregon as the HEPPNER LUMBER COMPANY, INC., today announces that the Bank of California, As Trustee for the James B. Malcom Trust and the Mary Malcom Trust, who control over 95% of the stock in

### Highway Dept. and Contractor Ask for Caution by Drivers

L. C. Johnson, Pendleton, who is with the Oregon State Highway Department's Hermiston office, urges drivers to slow down between Heppner and Lexington. He says many are disregarding the 35 mile construction speed signs—a safety measure.

Mr. Johnson says he and L. W. Vail, the contractor are concerned that so many people seem to hold high speeds as they drive around the equipment and pipes being used on the job. He points out that several temporary detours are being used now and that others will be used as the work progresses. This job will not be completed until during next summer.

### Miss or Master 1972

The thrilling year of 1971 has come to a close and 1972 has put in its appearance and has started inaugurating its own events. Among them will be the first baby to be born in the new year at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

The merchants have made elaborate plans to welcome the little miss or mister. A multitude of gifts have been set aside for either a new cheerleader or football player.

What will be the date of arrival this year? The parents or the doctor of the hospital should notify the Gazette-Times as soon as the event takes place.

### Assessors Set 1972 Cattle Prices

Joyce Bergstrom, Morrow County Assessor was elected secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Oregon Assessor's Association at their meeting last week in Baker. Mrs. Bergstrom served as president in 1970.

Mirk Saunders, Crook County is the new president and Mac Wood of Wasco County is the new vice president.

**Cattle Prices Set**  
The Assessors set cattle and machinery prices. Three sets of figures were studied. Prices were computed by the Department of Internal Revenue, the Cattlemen's Association and the Assessors. The three groups came up within a few dollars of each other. The Assessors adopted an average of the three.

The figures sent in by the Morrow County Livestock Growers on sheep were the only ones presented. These figures were adopted and will be used by the state this year.

**Horses**  
Registered saddle horses, \$350.

**Beef Cattle**  
Calves under 6 months, \$51. Calves 6 months to 1 year: heifer \$100. Steers \$125.

Steers, 1 year and over, \$165. Heifers 1-2 years, \$141. Cows: 2 years and over \$169. Bulls, 1 year and over, \$317.

**Dairy Cattle**  
Calves under 6 months: Light breeds \$25. Heavy Breeds \$50. Calves 6 months-1 year: Light breeds \$60. Heavy breeds \$105.

Steers 1 year and over: Light breeds \$110. Heavy breeds \$165. Heifers 1-2 years: Light \$110. Heavy, \$210.

Cows 2 years and over: Light breeds \$185. Heavy breeds \$325. Bulls 1 year and over \$320.

Each year the state is phasing out inventory and livestock at 5% each year. This year 20% is allowed off.

### Lions Aid Blind, Help Community

Monday night's house-to-house sale of brooms and light bulbs by the Ione Lions club brought in \$290. These brooms were made by blind workers, and a per cent of this money will go to the Lions' Aid to the Blind project.

This is the sixth year the Ione men have had this sale, and this year's result compares favorably with other years. They canvassed in Ione and Lexington.

Some of the money gained will be used for various community projects. The men intend to offer brooms and light bulbs in Heppner at the Crazy Days and Moonlight Sales. In the mean time, anyone who is eager for a broom can call Ray Boyce at Ruggles-Boyce Agency.

### Police Investigate Morrow Produce Theft

The Sheriff's department reported on three arrests this week.

Kenneth Calvey was taken from his home at 520 Gail Monday evening on a charge of taking a vehicle without permission. He is lodged in Umatilla County Jail in lieu of \$500 bail. He is also being held for Federal authorities. Making the arrest were Vic Groshens, OSP, Dean Gilman, city of Heppner and the Sheriff's department.

**Burglary at Morrow Produce**  
A burglary was reported Monday at Morrow County Produce. Taken from the premises were tools, welding equipment, office machines, electric heaters and a truck. The truck was recovered a short distance from the scene.

The theft was discovered by Gene Miller, plant manager. He is not at the plant on regular basis but is there one or two days a week. He expects to start getting ready for next year's operations soon.

Police are investigating.  
**Bad Check Writer**  
The sheriff's office arrested Fred E. Miller, formerly of Lexington at 8212 East 8th, The Dalles, on three charges of drawing a check with insufficient funds in bank to pay same in full. He appeared before Justice Court Monday.

He was lodged in Morrow County jail in lieu of \$2115 bail.

**G-T Needs History**  
The Gazette-Times expects to present a special edition this year for Heppner's Centennial. We will need all the history pertaining to Heppner that we can obtain.

Old items, pictures and even things like family sayings are important and can be used. We will do our best to return them after engraving. The process will not hurt them. Your name should be placed on the backs of the pictures.

We will appreciate anything turned in of an historical nature. The histories of ranches and business firms, past and present, will be of considerable interest.

Thank you.

### Hubbards Buy Ione Business

The T & C Storage at Ione has been purchased from Rollo W. Crawford and Paul Tews by Van and Bob Hubbard.

They report that the business will remain much the same, keeping the same firm name. They are dealers for steel products such as grain storage bins, machine sheds and augering equipment.

### Bank Promotes Chris Lovgren

Former Lexington resident Chris Lovgren has been named pro assistant cashier and promoted to assistant operations officer at First National Bank of Oregon's administration headquarters.

Mr. Lovgren joined First National in March of this year in a management training capacity.

He graduated from Ione High School and from Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. Prior to his employment with First National, he worked for the Jerry Dougherty ranch, Heppner.



THIS LARGE LOCUST tree fell between the Marshall Lovgrens and the Lue Wilsons Tuesday morning about 9:30. Mrs. Lovgren was in the kitchen on the other side of the house, heard a slight noise and thought there was someone at the back door. When she went to the door she could see the branches. Then when she went to the bedroom windows on that side of the house, she saw the big tree had gone down. She says they felt lucky as the tree did only slight damage to the roof and tore the fence down.

### Wind Gets On Nerves But No Great Damage

Word came early Tuesday morning from the Department of Emergency Services in Salem that this area could expect winds up to 70-75 miles an hour.

Sand drifted the Patterson Ferry road closed before 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

In Heppner the wind howled all night and saw minor damages. A big locust went down between the Marshall Lovgren home and the Lue Wilsons on South Court. Branches grazed Lovgren's house but caused no great damage.

Two smaller size Junipers went down on the Courthouse lawn.

The awning on Knox's went down as did the Pepsi-Cola sign at Central Market.

An extra hefty gust of wind blew out the big plate glass window on the west side of the Case Furniture store. The same window was broken earlier this spring.

Jack Sumner's wooden granary lost half the roof.

A metal chimney blew down in heavy gusts at the rear of Murray's Drugs here.

**At Ione**  
When the BIG BLOW hit Ione about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, the asphalt roofing from the Ione School cafeteria went with the wind as did the roofing from the shop.

Without power, the Ione School is without heat as well as no way of cooking hot lunches. When the power went off the second time about 10:30, it was decided to dismiss school for the day. Homes of students from grades 1 to 6 were called to alert parents the children would be returning home.

The children had all gone from the building when the roof went off.

**Trees Down**  
A big locust went down taking the electrical connections to Doris Gollyhorn's house with it. A tree split and went down across the street from Clarence McIntosh's home.

**At Lex**  
A big tree by the Lexington IOOF Hall fell during the storm.

### Jon Hedman At St Anthony's

Jon Hedman, senior at Heppner High, re-broke his leg last Friday while he was helping Greg Greenup feed the cattle out at the ranch. His parents took him to St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton.

On Monday Jon had surgery on his leg. Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman were with him. They say Jon is coming along pretty well now, but will probably be kept in the hospital in Pendleton for two or three more days.

### Wheat and Feed Grain Signup

Signup period for the 1972 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs will begin on Feb. 3, and end on March 10.

All eligible producers wishing to participate in the Wheat Certificate or the Feed Grain Program must sign intentions to do so between Feb. 3 and March 10.

Program participation is a requirement for Commodity Credit Corporation price support loans on either commodity.

For full details, concerning program requirements, a visit to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office should be made.

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### WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	43	33	—
Thursday	55	35	—
Friday	50	32	—
Saturday	44	28	—
Sunday	44	32	—
Monday	41	32	—
Tuesday	50	38	—