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Nuclear Plant Aims at Fall '74

(By the Editor)

Last Friday the Ole Editor was a guest at the new Trojan power plant which is rising near St. Helens. Supplied with rubber boots for a very moist and muddy area, and a hard hat for his hard head, the Editor and other newspaper people and electric coop people had a complete tour. We tell you about this plant only because of the strong possibility of Morrow County obtaining nuclear power plants, too. The first of Morrow's plants would be built by Portland General Electric who are erecting the Trojan plant. Safety factors are stressed throughout.

A.B. "Abe" Dunning, engineer in charge of the vast project, said in spite of some delays, he's hoping they can turn this plant on sometime in Sept. 1974 or very soon thereafter.

Total cost of this "super battery" will be about \$235 million. New plants in the future will probably cost considerably more because of inflation and many rising construction factors.

Insofar as possible, everything is automated and computerized so that when concrete is produced each time it is standard with no deviations. Everything is aimed at being stronger than just strong. Extra heavy duty rods, pipes and strengthening materials are used throughout. The aim is to make the plant strong enough to withstand TWICE or more the strength of the Anchorage earthquakes. Yes, they say, chances are good Trojan could keep on operating during a quake. If too severe, though, the powering rods would simply be sheathed inside the heavy tubing under-protective layers.

The plant will produce 1,130,000 kilowatts. Cooling tower will be about completed in height at 499 feet in another month. Base is 363 feet in diameter and a person can already feel the draft that will help dissipate the immense amount of water to be dealt with to cool the big reactors.

The nuclear reactor containment building with its rounded top will be 206 feet high. The walls are 3 and 1-2 feet thick of concrete and welded steel in strong layers. The turbine-generator building is fast rising and will be ten stories high.

Steve Loy, PGE public relations official who is married to the former Betty Ball of Lone, told us about a survey. Ecologists have questioned this and other kinds of power plants. A poll completed last month by Bardsley & Haslacker of Portland showed that the Trojan plant won approval of 56 percent of those polled. Only 16 percent disapproved and 28 percent were undecided. For the Boardman plant 61 percent approved and 17 percent disapproved with 22 percent being undecided. (Editorial follows.)

As far as we can tell from where we sit, the U.S. Navy simply does not want to vacate their bombing range in the North End. Our Congressmen are working on this problem but maybe they could use a hand. If the Navy does not move, the Carby nuclear plant very likely will not get an okay from the state environmental board. It is the very KEY to development in Morrow County's North End. The nuclear plant would probably lower our property taxes by two thirds! Electricity produced will fill a real need in the Northwest. We NEED that plant. Please -- write your Congressmen and the Secretary of Defense right now -- TODAY!

You'll do every taxpayer in the county a real favor.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCE!

57 Year ago -- 1915.

Shall Heppner-Lose Forest Reserve Headquarters? Let's get busy. Activity on the part of the Pendleton Commercial Association would take this important office from us. The Portland Journal reports: The Pendleton Commercial Association has presented a resolution urging the Forest Service to move its Umatilla headquarters from Heppner to Pendleton.

Teachers selected for next year by H.H. Hoffman, superintendent are: Miss Lucy T. Wedding and Miss Addie M. Schwittay, high school, Miss Marion Long, commercial department and music, Miss Ethel Casey, 7th and 8th grades; Mrs. C. Shurte, 8th and 7th grades; Miss Ella B. Wallen, 3rd and 4th grades, and Miss Mary E. Power, 1st Grade. There have as yet been no applications filed for two grades.

St. Patrick's Entertainment Big Success.

A full house greets "That Hascal Pat". A large crowd filled the Star theater for the presentation. Billy O'Rourke was the "rascal" and he sustained his reputation well, in fact, he almost established a new reputation for himself. He fell into much difficulty but finally extricated himself and saved what little reputation he has left.

E.L. Berry was "Major Puffackel" who stubbornly, if not wisely, refused consent to the marriage of his niece to the poor but ambitious "Charles Livingston."

The Misses Mary and Margaret O'Rourke furnished the characters of Laura and Nancy and added their part to a very spicy piece of comedy.

R.F. Hynd, president of the

Heppner Milling Co. returned to his home in Portland after having spent the week in this city on business.

S.P. Garrigues, of Portland, came up from the metropolis Tuesday to look after his extensive property interests here. It is understood that Mr. Garrigues is contemplating further improvements to his Main Street property.

25 Year Ago--1935
RIVER BOAT PLAN STARTED BY WHEAT LEAGUE.

The proposal calls for establishment of a large transportation system capitalized at \$400,000 to be raised through sale of 16,000 shares of \$25 par value stock. The company would be owned and controlled principally by producers living east of the Cascades, with 5000 shares of preferred stock disposed of to Portland business houses.

TOWNSEND MEET SLATED
The Heppner Townsend Club has slated a lecture by Rev. G.N. Magood, state lecturer on the Townsend Old Age Revolving Pension plan, this Saturday night at the gymnasium.

Heppner High School's debate team will go to Pendleton this Saturday to compete in the district debate tournament.



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ment. The state high school debate question is, "Resolved That the Federal government should adopt the policy of equalizing public elementary and secondary education through-out the nation by means of annual grants to the several states." The affirmative will be upheld by Loren Wilson and Ed Dick; the negative by Francis Rugg and Irvin Periberg. With the exception of Francis Rugg, none of the team has had previous debating experience, though all have had experience in public speaking. Last year Heppner was beaten in the finals by a polished Hermiston team. However, last year was the first time since 1928 that Heppner sponsored a debate club.

1 Year Ago-1971
HEPPNER MUSTANGS TO STATE TOURNAMENT.

Opening the first day play is Pilot Rock vs. Wallowa at 1:30, Concordia vs. Siletz at 3 p.m. The evening games are Heppner vs. Gilchrist at 7:30, and Enterprise vs. Knappa at 9 p.m. Congratulations are in order to the Heppner High Drill Team for their outstanding performance at the Regional Tournament in The Dalles, Lib Daggett, Drill Team supervisor said she is "proud of the girls as they looked really good and were rough competition."

A major factor in the Drill Team's success was the lively tempo provided by the pep band under the direction of Mr. Hedman.

John Sumner wins United Nations trip. He will leave in July for the bus trip with the other district winners for Washington, D.C. and New York.

Speakers will be available to speak before organizations concerning a segment of the week's activities.

One team of speakers will be at the special Sceptomist meeting on March 30 and at the Chamber of Commerce on April 3.

Watch for more information on this.

All of the sessions will be open to the public. As the schedules of the several days appear in the paper, people are urged to check the ones they would like to hear and plan to attend.

MRS. C.C. CARMICHAEL (Juanita) is at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton recovering from major surgery on Mar. 7.

MR. AND MRS. P.W. MAHONEY recently returned from a trip to Palm Springs California. They traveled with Mr. and Mrs. Verner Troedson of Pendleton. Phil says the weather was perfect and they had a very nice trip.

MRS. EMMA DRAKE received word of the death on Mar. 3 of her brother-in-law Mr. T.E. Given of Silverton. He was 86 years old.

Going down to the funeral Mar. 6 with Mrs. Drake were Mrs. Grace Drake, Gwen and Rick Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Drake of Sunnyside, Wn.

MR. AND MRS. ED GONTY attended the Spring Shoe Show at the Hilton Hotel in Portland this weekend. They saw a very colorful display of spring shoe styles. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gonty, Seattle, met them in Portland. Mrs. Alice McCabe rode both ways with them and Mrs. Lucy Peterson returned to Heppner with them on Sunday.

MRS. BURKE GENTRY'S mother, Mrs. Ray Britt, Spray, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopper, has been staying in Heppner with Raelene while recuperating from recent surgery.

W.W. WEATHERFORD had major surgery Friday in Emanuel Hospital, Portland. Bill was expected home early this week.

MR. & MRS. RON HODGES of Everett, Wash. were here recently for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howell.

Jack Van Winkle of the Sear's store here was winner

of \$150 cash for selling appliances in a recent contest.

An optimist believes that whatever happens, no matter how bad, is for the best. The pessimist is the fellow to whom it happens.

Your daughter is growing up when she starts dressing slower -- and dialing faster.

Little boy in a car: "This is a nice, smooth road -- but every once in a while, it has the hiccupps."

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Spray Church Has Wedding

Julie McNeil became the bride of Doug Troxell Mar. 6 at the Spray Assembly of God Church.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Ingersoll, Spray.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McNeil of Fossil. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Troxell of Spray.

Organist was Mrs. Laurel Kelsey.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white flocked cotton, a shoulder length veil and carried pink roses.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Billie Jo Marler, friend of the bride. Candle lighters were Carol McNeil, sister of the bride, and Franky Asher, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Grant Chapman, friend of the groom. Ushers were Larry Brisbois, brother-in-law of the groom, and Donald Troxell, Jr., brother of the groom.

HARDMAN PLANS DANCE
Hardman Community is planning a dance this Saturday evening in the Community Hall, the former IOOF Hall. The Blue Mountain Gang will play. The women will serve a midnight supper. Proceeds will be used to reroof the annex.

MRS. NORMA MARQUARDT has returned to her home after a couple of weeks spent in Portland on business.

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Heppner TOPS Pick Leaders
Heppner TOPS Club number 543 has chosen their leaders for the coming year. Mrs. Dave Springer was re-elected leader, and Mrs. Tom Springer was chosen co-leader. Mrs. Venice Hendrickson will serve as Secretary and Mrs. Ed Struthers was chosen treasurer. These officers will be installed in a candlelight ceremony toward the end of this month.

The club members made plans for a baked goods sale at Central Market on Fri., Mar. 17, starting at 9:30.

Earl Ayres Jr. who has been employed at Heppner Auto Parts has moved to The Dalles. He is assistant manager at Ray Schulzens Ford.

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