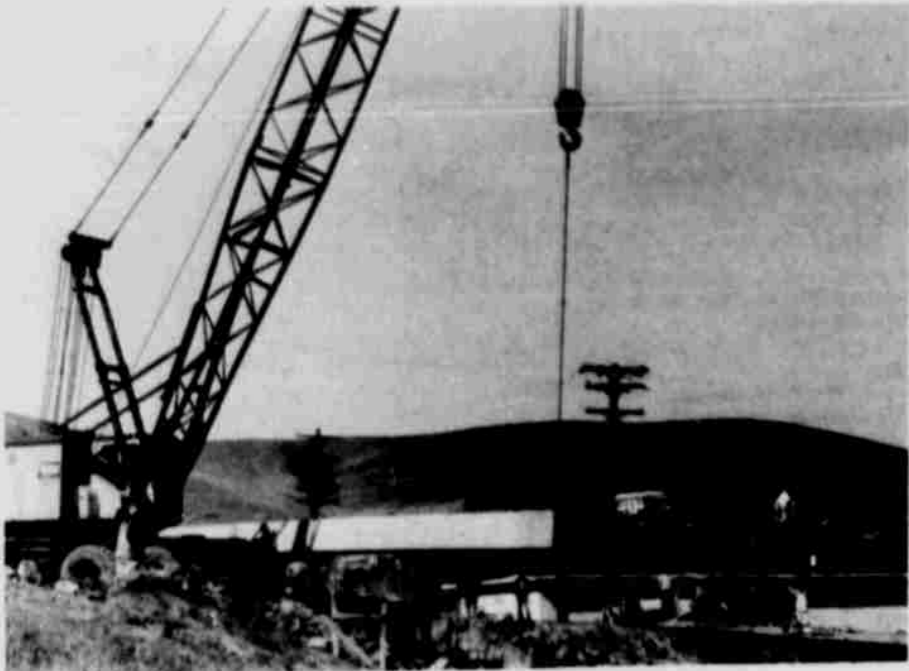


A New Bridge is Born



About the Beams

The first four beams for the new Main St. bridge came in by truck Friday and the other four on Monday. The beams 60 feet long were a combination of slab and box beam and weighed 65,000 lbs. each. They were made by Morse Bros. of pre-stressed cable. As explained by one of the drivers, the cable within the form is tightened with hydraulic rams. When the cable is cut, the beams bow and become flexible. The beams are steam cured over night which is equal to 26 days in air cure.

Spotting the Cranes

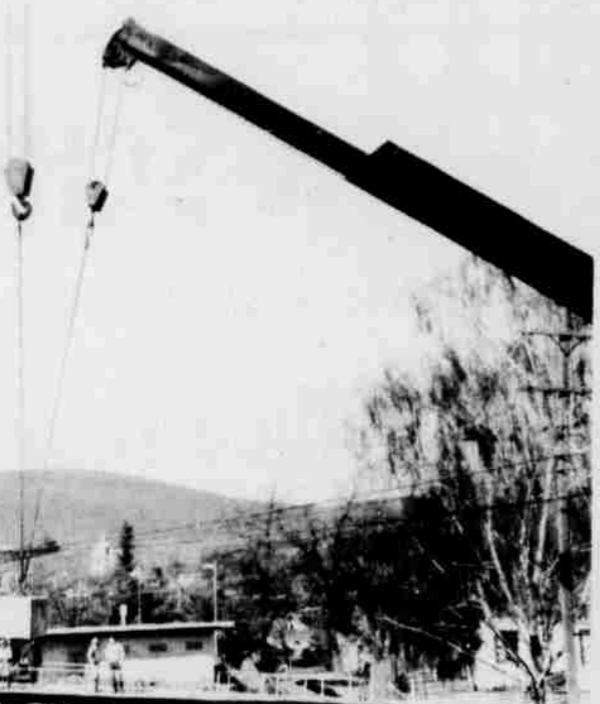
Spotting the cranes in just the right spot to maneuver the heavy beams is an exact science. Hand signs from navigator to operator were necessary because of the noise of the big cranes. Four legs that work hydraulically come out from the giant cranes that keep them from tipping.

Small crowds gathered on either side of the creek and upon the hill to watch the action that was fascinating.

The cranes are in place on opposite sides of the creek. The big crane pulls the first beam from the truck and a bridge is started....



About mid-stream, the second crane is stretched out to take a hold of the beam.

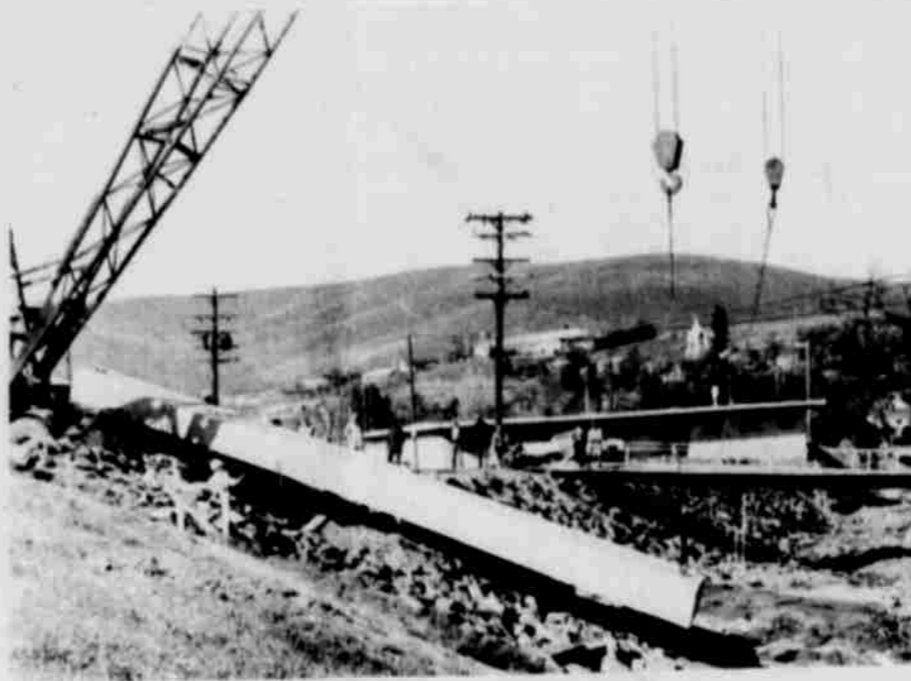


The cranes join forces to complete spanning the creek.

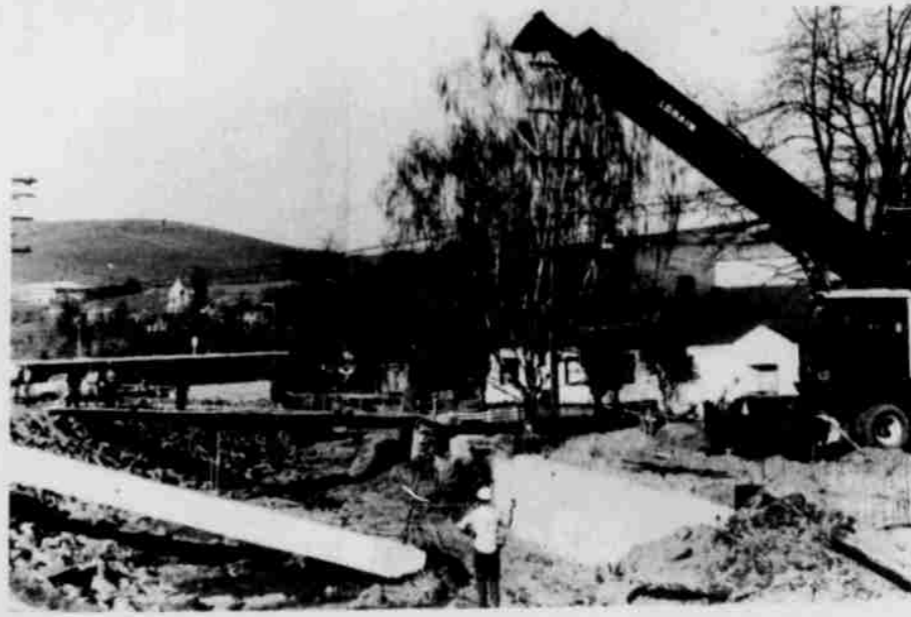


The crane on the south bank is not equal to the demands of the big beam. The hind wheels come off the ground a foot. Something else has to be tried.

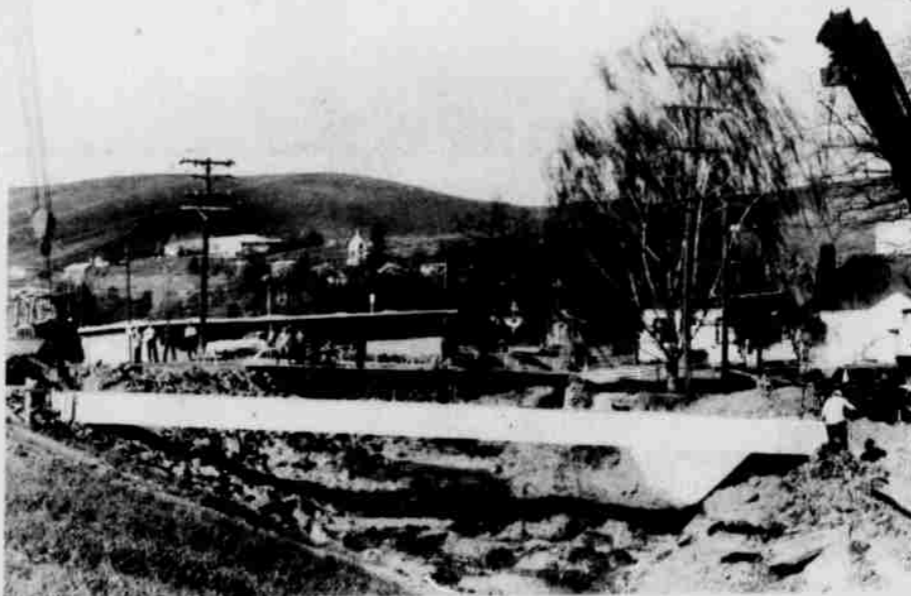
The Solution



The solution is to let the beam down to the ground and



the black crane pulls it across gouging the mud before it.



In place within 3 1/2 inches of where they want it to be. A simple shift and the first beam was there to stay.



The first man on the bridge.

Hal in Orient

USS KITTY HAWK- Navy Fireman Apprentice Hal Bergstrom, of Heppner, is in the Western Pacific aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. The carrier, homeported in San Diego, is operating in support of U.S. and allied troops in Southeast Asia, and will visit the Philippines and other Western Pacific ports. A 1970 graduate of Heppner High School, he entered the service in September 1971.

Degree of Honor Has Spring Theme

"April Showers and May Flowers" was the theme of the Degree of Honor inspection held April 11 at the new lodge hall. With the exception of one, all officers were in their chairs and a group from the Pendleton lodge was in attendance.

Mrs. Lee Wagenblast of Lexington and Mrs. Verna Brinda of Heppner were the two new members inducted during the evening. Ida Farra presented each of the new members and state officers cute little handmade owls. The drill team, dressed in long white formals, executed their new drill and Ardeth Hunt gave a humorous reading entitled "Monkeys."

During the meeting, the trustees were appointed to look into the possibility of remodeling the lodge hall and removing the front windows. It was announced the state

convention will be held in Portland April 27 and 28 with Kate J. No. 29 Heppner Lodge to present the colors at the meeting.

Carrying out the springtime theme, the lodge hall was decorated with colored streamers, umbrellas and flowers. Theta Lowe and Martha King served the refreshments from a gaily decorated table with a bouquet of flowers, birds and bees on a lace tablecloth.

The next meeting will be April 25.

Deposits Down At 1st National

The Heppner branch of First National Bank of Oregon reported deposits of \$7,438,730 and loans of \$5,884,613, as of March 31. Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$6,681,742 in deposits and \$5,896,148 in loans.

First National Bank of Oregon reported first quarter earnings of \$3,425,091, down slightly from quarter 1971 total of \$3,444,231. Earnings, on a per share basis, were 65 cents the same as the three-month period ending Mar. 31 one year ago.

Income after calculating gains and losses on security transactions amounted to \$3,470,358 for the 1972 first quarter compared to \$3,443,731 in the 1971 quarter.

Deposits increased a moderate 9.5 per cent from the 1971 first quarter recording of \$1,681,928,817 to a record first quarter high of \$1,842,018,818.

First National's 126 statewide offices reported loans outstanding of \$1,146,599,954, up 6.2 per cent from the \$1,079,813,944 at the end of the first quarter last year. Resources were \$2,139,180,914, up 10.6 per cent from last year's first quarter total of \$1,934,011,971.

Vaccinate To Improve Horse Health

The sudden invasion of an exotic equine disease last summer was big news not only to horsemen, but to everyone. This Venezuelan strain of equine encephalomyelitis was highly contagious and threatened to spread across the country. Luckily a massive prevention program - vaccination, spraying, quarantine - prevented its spread.

Don Stangel, Morrow County Extension Agent reports that Dr. Guy Reynolds, OSU Extension veterinarian, said he feels that VEE is a dangerous disease, but every year several other diseases are potentially as dangerous. These common everyday diseases seldom make headlines, but they strike down many thousands of horses every year.

The Eastern and Western strains of equine encephalomyelitis virus also caused close to 6,000 human illnesses of which high mortality is not uncommon. In addition to these forms of sleeping sickness, horse populations suffer from such infectious diseases as Tetanus (lockjaw), equine influenza, and strangles. Immunization programs prevent losses from these diseases. The horse owner too often fails to protect his investment and is providing an avenue for the spread of these common diseases by not doing so.

Don emphasizes, that with the increasing popularity of all horse related activities exposure to these diseases is compounded, so protect yourself and your horse. Vaccinate before the riding season gets under way.

Who's Got Poles And Two Spears?

The Morrow County Wranglers are eager to locate the two sets of poles they need for pole bending and the two spears needed for the ring race before this weekend's Play Day.

Play Day is set to begin with a potluck at the Wranglers' Grounds at noon this Sunday. If you know where the sets of poles or the spears are---please phone Gwen Healy, 676-9929 or Mary Schlichting, 676-9726 right away.

BRONZE BIRCH BORER

Recent publicity has resulted in a number of inquiries regarding the possibility of this pest invading the weeping birch trees in Morrow County, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent.

We have no evidence at this time that there is any problem in this area, however if you suspect damage this is what to look for: 1. "D" shape holes in the bark 1-3" across is very characteristic of the insect. 2. As the trees leaf out during the summer you may notice small branches in the upper reaches of the tree begin to die. 3. The advance stages cause so much "Die" back that the normal symmetry of the tree is disrupted. 4. Good care with plenty of water and fertilizer will help the trees fight the pest. 5. Also open wounds from broken limbs or scars allow entry of the beetle.

Definite identification should be made prior to using a control program. The adult beetle should emerge sometime in late May or early June. Announcement will be made if we identify the pest locally.

Look

Mrs. Paul Miller, Cecil, has arranged a new display in the glass display case in the hall of the courthouse. She has a collection of animals made of onyx from Mexico there for people to enjoy.

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The 1972 incentive price for wool announced November 10, 1971 is 72 cents a pound, the same as for 1971.

Wool Pay Rate Same

Quality production incentive payment rate on 1971 marketings of shorn wool was announced today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The announced payment rate, based on the incentive price of 72 cents a pound, is 271.1 percent of the national average price of 19.4 cents a pound received by producers. Payments to wool growers are required by the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended.

The higher 1971 payment rate compares with the 1970 rate of 102.8 percent and reflects a drop in market prices for shorn wool in 1971, USDA officials said. Wool prices were generally lower last year throughout the world and U.S. average wool price to producers was the lowest since 1938.

A payment rate of \$2.10 a hundredweight on unshorn lambs sold or slaughtered in 1971 also was announced by USDA. The 1970 rate was \$1.46. The payment is designed to compensate growers for the wool they market on live lambs rather than as shorn wool.

Deductions in 1971 of 1 1/2 cents a pound from shorn wool and 7 1/2 cents a hundred pounds of live weight from lamb payments will be made to finance advertising, sales promotion, and related market development activities. These deductions, provided for in the National Wool Act, are at the same rates as for the five preceding marketing years.

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county offices will begin making the payments early in April.

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