

## Water

HOW MUCH WATER TO STORE  
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The return on the letters indicated 60 percent of the land owners were interested with 40 percent of the land. Judge Jones said he felt there were some points that were not understood and another contact should be made with each farmer to answer any questions they might have. He said, "I feel there is a need for more educational work. Farmers are not conversant with all the details."

Another people-to-people contact is planned. Judge Jones said other local farmers have indicated an interest in buying any extra water that might be available for their bench lands. The Bureau representative said that at this time there was no dependable extra water. Some years there could be some and other years there would be none.

If more people sign up there can be a larger reservoir. There have been no plans to bring additional land under irrigation.

Nearly all the direct flow of Willow Creek have been adjudicated.

The measure of water is at the point of diversion and not at the dam. The amount released at the dam is enough over to make allowance for ditch loss.

Willow Creek is said to have an abnormal loss but the return water and seeding into the creek have to compensate for the loss.

"Direct flow water rights for those who decide not to participate will be honored. They would not be entitled to receive any additional water from storage. Based on study, the historic stream flow provides about 80 percent of the water needed for optimum crop growth," the Bureau says.

Perry Harrison and Leo Robinson represented the Bureau of Reclamation. They explained that the costs of the water are determined by the ability of the farmers to pay. Ability to pay is based on a typical farm operation with some contingencies allowed.

In other areas fruit operations charges per acre foot may be as high as \$6.00. Charges on this project are \$3.60. This includes all costs of administration, maintenance and other costs.

Quentin Bowman of the Water Resource Board suggested that the Bureau look into the possibilities of using the flow from Ditch Creek to an advantage to regulate the stream flow into the reservoir. Judge Jones reviewed the county water rights on Ditch Creek which has no irrigable lands adjacent to it.

Mr. Bowman also suggested the Bureau look into upstream land owners who might be interested in exchanging storage space in the reservoir for stream flow.

The water rights along the creek include winter and summer rights as separate rights. Some have 6 or 7 different water rights. There are 1400 acres with winter rights for the months of Dec., Jan. and February. If at any time the rancher feels the water can't be put on the land beneficially, the water could be stored.

The Corps of Engineers was represented by Howard Hogan and Gerald Rodiger. The Bureau is to supply the Corps with water rights and locations and the amount of water that is to be stored behind the dam.

Other conditions of the dam and reservoir were discussed. Because it is partly a flood control dam, the water level is dropped to hold the spring run-off. The recreational benefits of the Prineville Reservoir were discussed. Since that construction time a law has been passed that recreational benefits are cost-shared by the local sponsoring agency which in this case would be Morrow County. Because the county doesn't have this kind of money, the recreational aspects will be built-in with floor control and irrigation. The esthetic values are considered and dead pool space is allowed to get away from having mud flats. Silt space is also allowed in the dead

## Fun and Games at Heppner's Sidewalk Bazaar

A holiday atmosphere will invade the annual Sidewalk Bazaar to be held this year in Heppner on July 21 and 22. Besides the giant display of sale items on the sidewalk like an oriental bazaar, the merchants are providing other fun and games for the children while their mothers go shopping. There will be a greased

peeled pole with a \$5 bill on top. The 12 foot pole will be erected in the Christmas Tree hole in front of the Heppner Hotel. When one lucky winner takes the \$5.00 bill another bill will be put in its place. The greased pole will be one of the attractions for the two days. The Heppner-Ga-

zette-Times will provide the first \$5.00.

Orville Cutsforth is bringing the pole from the mountains. The Boy Scouts will peel the pole.

For the little kids 10 and under, there will be a straw Scramble. A pen of straw will have coins thrown into it periodically during the two days. Coins for the scramble are being provided by Elmas, Murrays Drugs, Mi Ladies and Gontys. Kinzua is providing the lumber for the straw pen.

The Bazaar sale items will be on display on the sidewalks on Friday and will continue to be on sale on Saturday. On Saturday, they may be left inside the store but will still be on sale.

## 1972 Harvest is slightly early



Tad Miller watches the golden grain flow into the grain truck from the combine. The second combine in the background is manned by his son.

### 1972 Harvest is Slightly Early

Harvest got underway in Morrow County last week. Pete Klinger brought in the first barley. Larry Mills, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers said quality is good and it's running about 48 pounds to the bushel. It came in earlier than last year and the qual-

ity is about the same.

Stan Kemp brought in the first wheat to the North Lex elevator. Quality is said to be good but Larry said "we're not into harvest far enough to say what the yield will be". Red and white wheat is being received at North Lex, Lexington, Ione and McNabb elevators. Manning the

North Lex elevator are Gary Munkers and Terry Hughes. George Stillman is at Lexington, Hugh Salter at Ione and Dennis Toney at McNabb.

Tad Miller said he thought his wheat crop wouldn't be as good as last year. "The cold spring hurt us and those few early hot days".

## Ag Board supports cattlemen

Oregon's Board of Agriculture at its quarterly meeting in Ontario, June 26, voted vigorous support of statements made by leaders of state and national cattlemen's associations in opposition to the lifting of import quotas on beef for the remainder of the year by President Nixon.

"The Oregon Board of Agriculture joins with Charles Otley, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in expressing its dismay and disappointment over the Pre-

sident's action," said James Doty, chairman.

"We agree with Mr. Otley that the action will afford consumers little relief at the retail level and that the cattleman is the one who will suffer," Doty said.

The Board of Agriculture also seconded John Trotman, president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, who, along with Otley, is in Denver at a meeting of that association's board of directors. Trotman said that President Nixon's action sets a dangerous precedent.

He said that unlimited foreign beef in the United States might result in an oversupply of beef for years to come and that the financial loss to United States cattlemen could cause many individual operators to go out of business.

Doty said the board agreed with Trotman that if U.S. cattlemen were to gear their profit motive to the same cost-plus methods used by other business and industry, the cost of beef today would be out of the reach of the consumer.

storage space, all of which will be constant for recreation.

Less drop down is better for recreation.

Judge Jones noted that in a conversation with Washington \$440,000 is still in the budget for the dam. This will complete the studies through 1973 to start construction in 1974 if further money is approved.

In the light of recent floodings, the representatives from the Corp said they will be asked "How quickly can you evacuate the reservoir?" The possible raise of interest rates was also discussed.

The engineers said, "For the time being we're ok."

MR. AND MRS. HARLEY SAGER and family were recently in Fruitland, Idaho when Mrs. Sager's mother, Mrs. Frank Hughey had major surgery. She is recovering nicely.



"My parents consider me impossible... and that's the way I want to keep it!"

A woman went into a small post office and asked for a dollar's worth of stamps.

"What denomination?" asked the clerk.

"Well," came the reply, "I didn't know it would ever come to this, but if the nosy government people have to know, I'm a Baptist."

## OLD GRIST WHEEL FOUND

How long has the old grist mill wheel been laying on the bank of Willow Creek? Was it deposited there in plain sight following the May 1971 flood?

Anyway Orville Cutsforth spotted it and it is now on its way to become a seat in the Park!

At the turn of the century, the flume still visible along the bluff behind the Phil Mahoney's carried water to the Mill. The stones for the wheel according to Orville are Vermont stone. The 16 pieces were fitted together and held in place by an iron band. When moved the "mortar" that had held the stones together disintegrated.

The REA boys, Bud Marshall and Dan James, carried the 60 to 80 pound stones across the creek. Orville had numbered them so they can be reassembled in the same patterns they were originally.

Working with Vic Groshens, they plan to install it in the park as a circular bench. The other wheel has not been found. The grain was ground between the wheels as the wheel turned.

## Kinzua News

MR. & MRS. RONALD HANDEYSON became the parents of their first child, a son, born on July 4th at The Dalles General Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and has been named Ronald James, Jr. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Madden of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. David Mansfield of Forks, Wa.



Down by the old Mill Stream,.....the old grist mill wheel as it lay on the bank of Willow Creek. Not too far from the site of the old mill. Research for the Centennial issue of the Gazette-Times may produce a story on the old mill.

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