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Fair and Honest

The Draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for Willow Creek Lake is both fair and honest.

Listed in the 41 pages is the adverse impact as well as the positive impact of the proposed 155 foot high rockfill dam just below the confluence of Balm Fork with Willow Creek.

Minimum pool level would insure a surface area of at least 76 acres for recreation, wildlife and sports fishing after all joint-use water has been withdrawn.

As the water is drawn-down for irrigation, bare land would be exposed on the edge which may be unsightly.

In April, irrigation releases would be made from the Lake to meet downstream water rights. During the irrigation season it would not be necessary to provide releases of water for down stream quality control since the irrigation water would serve the same purpose of diluting sewage treatment plant effluent in Willow Creek.

During periods of no or little flow in the creek the effluent stream from the Heppner Sewage plant provides most of the streamflow. In the past this has caused some undesirable odors and is unsightly. Should the project be built, water released for irrigation use and for water quality control would minimize the adverse impact of the sewage treatment plant's effluent by diluting this flow.

The water quality of Willow Creek Lake would have some effect upon the recreation and fishery use of the project. The basis for the belief that water quality may be a problem in the lake is that several cattle feedlot operations are based upstream from the lake site and waste output from these types of facilities tends to have degrading effects upon water quality. It may be possible to implement watershed improvements in this regard.

The book goes on and on and is filled with all kinds of information on the dam.

Water is a great asset and the Lake would provide a great attraction for the people in the area besides the major purpose of providing flood protection to the city of Heppner.

The Heppner Gazette-Times has an extra copy of the Draft. Anyone wishing to borrow it may stop in at the office. Or a copy may be secured from the US Army Engineer District, Walla Walla, Washington.

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REMEMBER THIS? . . . REMINISCENCE!

35 YEARS AGO.....1938 "Oregon farmers must turn to the bulk method of handling grain," said J.C.Hawkins of the U.S.Department of Agriculture, cooperating with the Oregon Agricultural College, who in company with a co-worker, W.B.Oldham, is spending two weeks in and near Heppner. The U.S.Government has commandeered 60,000,000 sacks for army purposes," continued Mr. Hawkins, "and last year there were shipped into this country from Calcutta only 39,000,000 sacks. I predict that grain bags will be selling for 25 cents apiece and I doubt if they can be had at that price on account of the shortage." Daily sales of Thrift stamps and war savings stamps in Oregon are already totaling about \$12,000, a circumstance most gratifying to the State Director and his campaign committee, inasmuch as the campaign is just beginning to gather the momentum that will carry Oregon "over the top" again with its apportionment of \$17,000,000 of the two billion dollars to be raised by the War Savings in the U.S. by Jan. 1, 1919.

At the adjourned meeting of the City Council, held on Monday evening for the purpose of choosing a successor to S.E.Notson as mayor, W.W.Smead was elected to serve for the coming year. Mr. Smead was mayor of Heppner for two years and is well acquainted with the duties of the office and learned well the task of drawing his salary.

37 YEARS AGO.....1936 Another month should see completion of hard-surfacing of the Rhea Creek market road, work on which is now being pushed by the county with assistance of WPA funds, believes Harry Tamblin, county engineer. Half of the surfacing has been laid on the six mile stretch included in the project, the alignment and right-of-way are secured and grading is almost completed. Orve Rasmus, watermaster, is a little worried just at present for fear the new ditch from Ditch Creek to Willow Creek will not be large enough to carry the spring run-off of water. More than a week ago some 39 inches of snow on the north slopes was reported, and there has been snow since. He thinks prospects of the city water supply holding up through the coming summer are very favorable. The Curan Ready-to-Wear shop, damaged by fire recently, is undergoing refinishing touches this week. Ed Bucknum, recently returned from John Day, is doing the plastering. The farm on Rhea Creek operated by A.K.McMurdo and family presents a becoming appearance through improvements to the house and addition of a new windmill. The house was recently renovated and repainted, reflecting a progressive spirit on the part of the owners. Two houses belonging to the John E. Johnson estate were sold Tuesday through Frank W. Turner, local realtor. One in north Heppner was purchased by Homer Tucker, and the other in south Heppner was purchased by Kenneth Akers.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cunha are now settling on the Ken Cutsforth place they purchased on upper Willow Creek. The Cunhas had ranches at Gonzales, Calif. Joe Cunha performed on the rodeo circuit for about 15 years and has ridden and bulldogged in various Oregon rodeos. Morrow County voters cast their votes Tuesday on the extra nickel cigarette tax. 602 said NO and 534 said YES. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crum, Bob Jepsen and Jack Sumner are home from the recent convention of the National Association of Wheat Growers held in Denver. All reported a very fine convention.

working on."

Then there are the Charlie Vaughns. A man who used to be in Heppner would return from out of town trips bringing kittens from faraway places with strange sounding names such as "Fluff" and "Elmer". Hazel already had one stow-away which Charlie named "Freddie the Free Loader". And there was plenty of food around. Since the man didn't bother to feed the kittens, the kittens came and went - then came and stayed and are still there.

Freddie the Free Loader is in Cat Heaven with Tince and all the rest.

Then there is my friend Vida Bower, who already had a Siamese name of Dusty Blue. Then one day here came a "passe!" of her grandchildren with a forlorn kitten which some one had thrown out on the freeway.

Vida didn't want another cat and neither did Dusty. But there it was. She fed it and said she would keep it a few days. Next she took it to the "vet". Well it turned out the kitten was deaf - but by that time - well, it is named "Ivory Jinx" and has grown into a beautiful large ivory white cat with sky blue eyes. Now Dusty loves him and seems to sense he cannot hear.

Then as if that wasn't enough here came the same "passe!" of grand kids with another kitten - a female, which faced execution. Vida said "No, positively not another cat". But her daughter, June (mother of the "passe!") said "I'll pay for the neutering and did."

So here is Frosty III sleeping peacefully on a rug at Vida's feet.

Sincerely, Josephine Mahoney Baker Terwilliger Plaza No 525 Portland, 97201

P.S. Maybe this will offset Mrs. Swaggart, Lois Winchester and my woeful stories.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS BARGAIN & SALE DEEDS Cason, Kerry Kelly to Cason, James Lucian - Fr. lots 3,4, Blk. 8 orig town, Heppner; Lots 2,3,4, Sec. 3 T5 S R23. Stubbs, Henry Lee to Columbia River Game Club - Fr. Sec. 3 T4N R26. WARRANTY DEEDS Buschke, Claude W. to Hager, James M, Jewel W. - All Lots 3,4, Fr. Lot 5 Blk. 1 Ayers Add., Heppner. Thorpe, Nathan, Margaret R. to Roger, Basil L., Mildred J. - Descr. tr. Fr. Sec. 16 T4N R25. PATENTS U.S.America to Tomorrow Land Development - Fr. Sec. 8 T1S R29. U.S.America to Tomorrow Land Development - Lot 3 Sec. 6 T4S R26.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Heard: I seem to have been bawled up about the Gazette-Times. I hope the enclosed check clears up things as we don't want to be without the Gazette-Times for we think it is the most interesting one put out in Eastern Oregon.

Sincerely, Agnes Davis

My Dear Editors: There is so much in print about cruelty to animals but there are those who treat them as a member of the family. Take the George Spours of Salem. He is with the Oregon State Forestry department as a consultant. He had many offers from different countries but would not accept as none would allow the family cat, "Tince" except Pakistan. So he, his wife Gretia, and Tince made the trip and stayed for 13 years. And as a result of this trip Gretia wrote the delightful book "Pakistani Episode."

Since the cat was not mentioned in the book I wrote her since they are now in Salem. In her letter she says "I am glad you enjoyed "Pakistani Episode". Indirectly, I expect my real purpose in writing it was to impress upon Americans our abundance."

"It is true that we took our household cat, Tince, to Pakistan with us. In fact we brought her home with us on home leave and she returned with us. She died in Pakistan one week before her 23rd birthday. I did not include her in my book because her life was so remarkable, un-cat-like and interesting that I decided she deserved a story all her own. This I am

Services For Josephine Fleming

Josephine Fuzek Fleming, 76, died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Jan. 11, 1973.

Mrs. Fleming was born March 9, 1896 in Poland. She made her home with her daughter, Stella McCarty of Heppner.

Survivors besides Mrs. McCarty include her daughters Lois Dulany of Prineville and Evelyn Sweek of Heppner; three sisters, Helen Harrod of Kennewick, Wa, Julia Laski of Portland and Carrie McLarty of Mtn. View, Ca.; 10 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital in care of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant or Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, Heppner.

Recitation of the Rosary was Friday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel.

Funeral Mass was Sat., Jan. 13 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Heppner with Rev. Raymond Beard officiating. Marguerite Glavey was the organist.

Concluding services were Monday, Jan. 15 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Portland at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Joseph Mikulich of St. Stanislaus Church in Portland officiating. Sweeney Mortuary was in care of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Jerry Rood, Pete McMurry, Arnie Hedman, Don Munkeys, Leon Ball and Clyde Allstott.

THURSDAY NITE LADIES Team Standings

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Rows include Kinzua, Murrays, Ruggles, Columbia Basin Coop, Elma's Flowers, Toyota, High Ind. Game, Eckman-204, High Ind. Series, Marge Eckman-525, High Team Game, Columbia Basin-980, High Team Series, Murrays Rexall Drug-2724.

Craig Cutting Enters Alternate Service

About 30 men are giving two years of alternate service to the United States in a camp at Orick, Ca. The only, so far as is known, Morrow County man there is Craig Cutting the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Cutting, Heppner.

Craig entered this service just after Thanksgiving at the Del Norte Ecology Center. The men at this camp do outdoor work and are under the direction of a U.S.Forest Service Ranger.

Presently they have been improving their camp and have been cleaning nearby streams to provide better fish movement. They will work at various forest jobs including fire fighting later.

Orick is in the northwestern corner of California right on the coast about midway between Crescent City and Eureka.

Craig had an unexpected and pleasant surprise when he was given two week's Christmas leave and was able to join his parents, two sisters and a brother here. His parents accompanied him back to his camp on New Year's Day.

Short Films to be Shown

On Jan. 21 there will be two short films shown at the Hope Lutheran Church with a light supper and discussion following. The movies will begin at 5:00 p.m. and there is a 50 cent charge. The films are The Present" and "It's About This Carpenter", and high school students are especially invited to attend.

Farewell Dinner for Johnsons

The Don Johnsons were guests of honor at a potluck dinner on Jan. 14 at the Heppner Christian Church. They were presented with a set of TV trays and a money tree. Peggy is in Springfield this week doing some painting at their house there. She is being helped by her two sisters who live in Eugene, Mrs. Orley Ivy and Mrs. Mike Screen. Don and the boys will take a U-Haul truckload of possessions down the end of this week. Peggy and the children will have officially moved this week-end, but Don will not complete his duties with the church here until the end of January. He begins his work in Springfield on Feb. 1.

Gus Ninkander will be acting as minister for the Lexington and Heppner churches until they have time to call someone else.

At BMCC

Donna Bergstrom is enrolled at BMCC working towards a degree in Business. Cindi and Kelli are attending school at McKay Creek School. They stay in Pendleton all week and are at home on the weekends.

Ruth McNeill of Pendleton, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Fox was here Thursday on business for her father, Jim Cowins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Messick traveled to Hood River on Saturday to visit Ernestine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest May. They drove home on Sunday in "pea soup" fog all the way from Hood River to about 25 miles of the freeway toward Ione.

SUPPER GUESTS Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison and Lori and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Toney were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hager and daughters drove over to Milton-Freewater on Sunday to spend the day with Linda's parents and grandparents.

Neighborhood Center

There is still a real need for sponsors for the senior citizen's socials on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 at the Center. February, June, July, August, September and October are still available, so if your club or organization is interested in helping with this worthwhile project you can call at the Center, 676-5873.

The Advisory Council will meet at the Center on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Adult GED classes are on Wednesday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. TOPS Club meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The senior citizen's dinners are on Wednesdays at 4:30 at Heppner Grade School.

March of Dimes Fights Birth Defects

March of Dimes for Polio is something of the past with the near-erasure of that disease. Now the annual January drive is for another cause, for birth defects.

WHAT IS A BIRTH DEFECT? A birth defect is an abnormality present in a baby at birth. Another term is congenital defect; the word "congenital" means "present at birth". By the National Foundation's definition, birth or congenital defects do not include damage occurring during the birth process.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes uses funds to fight birth defects through: Research, Care, Assistance, professional information education and training, Public information and chapter services.

A birth defect may be something obvious like an extra finger, clubfoot, cleft lip or open spine. It may be a hidden defect in an internal organ such as the heart, kidney or liver. It may be a blood abnormality or some other mistake in body chemistry, causing disease or serious illness.

Many birth defects do not show up with symptoms of illness or trouble until late in infancy or childhood, in young adulthood or even until quite late in life.

PROPERTY TAX FAX If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all facts as briefly as possible and mail it to your COUNTY ASSESSOR Joyce Bergstrom under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

QUESTION: Our city has annexed a certain property and granted it a 10 year moratorium from city taxes unless the property or part of it is developed. Is it possible to change the ratio of taxation on certain specified lots?

ANSWER: A city ordinance granting a tax moratorium, as authorized by ORS 222.111 (2) will be strictly construed as it is contrary to the general rule that all property should be taxed equally. Therefore, in view of several court cases construing this statute, when any portion of the annexed territory is developed the whole area is subject to the city tax levy.

If you could kick the person responsible for most of your troubles, you wouldn't be able to sit down or six months.

Irrigon City Council Studies Proposed Housing Development

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON Mrs. Rodda Maddox has returned from a trip to areas served by city water, Martinez, Calif. where she was adopted by the Irrigon City Council in the Jan. session, Tues. night. They had been presented in a previous meeting.

Mayor Chester Wilson briefed the Council on upcoming meetings in the area pertaining to Revenue sharing, a hearing on route location of highway 1-82, and a League of Oregon Cities meeting on legislative matters affecting cities.

Mayor Wilson was authorized to contact an engineer regarding the extension of water service to the mobile home court and new business building being developed by Ted Wilson.

Two resolutions were adopted, one pertaining to the transfer of funds from checking to savings account and the other expressing favor for a planning study on solid waste disposal, proposed by Morrow County.

Wilson informed the council that he had been contacted by Ed Hager of Hager Enterprises Inc. which had purchased several hundred acres of land in the south part of the city. They are planning a housing development on 40 acres lying within city boundaries. Homes in the 15 to 20 thousand dollar range are planned to be built on 2 acre tracts. A surveying crew is presently running lines in preparation to platting the area. Preliminary planning for supplying water to the area by the city will be done shortly and means explored for financing the project.

The second half of the city's 1972 revenue share was received in the amount of \$419. This is \$18 below the amount received in Dec.

A special council meeting was held at Mayor Wilson's home Fri. evening for the purpose of briefing the council on information received on the proposed development. It was learned that financing would not be available from Farmers Home Administration in time to meet the immediate need. An improvement District will be proposed to the developers, as the only alternative the city has for supplying water to the proposed housing project.

Visitors From Guam Chief Petty Officer Robert Holden, his wife and son Robert, spent several days visiting his mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. C.A.Miller, in Irrigon. They are stationed in Guam with the U.S.Army.

On Sunday there was a family get-together with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holden and Betty of Umatilla and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holden of The Dalles.

The Holdens planned to return to Guam from Seattle Jan. 13, after visiting her parents there. He is a career man, with 2 years to retirement in the Navy.

Outdoorsman Club The Outdoorsman 4-H Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson on Sat. Jan. 13. The subject studied was birds and wildlife, with a wildlife magazine as well as the 4-H project book used as reference.

The Club plans to have a candy sale at the next Community 4-H club meeting on Feb. 8 at the school. They hope to raise money to make a trip to the mountains in the spring. They voted to meet every other Sat. with the next meeting Jan. 27.

After refreshments Mr. Wilson helped the boys make bird feeders. There were 8 boys and Jr. leader David Richards present.

School Lunch Menus Presented Through Courtesy Of Heppner Branch

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Monday, Jan. 22 - Spaghetti with ground beef, lettuce wedge with dressing, French bread, cheese stix, bananas.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Chili beans, cabbage salad, cornbread with butter and honey, fruit cobbler.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Turkey noodle casserole, buttered peas, molded vegetable salad, gingerbread with whipped topping.

Thursday, Jan. 25 - Sloppy Joes with homemade buns, potato chips, carrot and celery stix, fruit crisp.

Friday, Jan. 26 - Fish stix, buttered spinach, lettuce wedge, cake.

Milk, bread and butter served with all meals.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Jan. 18 Ione Jr. High basketball, Olex at Ione, 2:00 p.m. Riverside Jr. High basketball at Umatilla, 1:30.

Jan. 19 Ione High school basketball at Riverside, 6:30. HHS Frosh basketball at Sherman, 6:30.

Jan. 20 Heppner Jr. High basketball, Condon, here, 1:30. Ione basketball at Dufur, 6:30. HHS basketball, Stanfield, here.

Jan. 21 Films shown at Hope Lutheran Church, 5 p.m. Supper served afterwards. 50 cent charge. Willows Grange meeting, potluck dinner at 12:30; Grange at 2:00.

Jan. 22 Advisory Council, Neighborhood Center, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 23 Heppner Frosh basketball at Riverside, 6:00 p.m. Lions Club, The's Cafe, 7 p.m. A representative from the Oregon Game Commission will speak.

Girls basketball, Ione at Athena, 2:30 p.m.

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