

Project gets Senate approval

Cost of Willow Creek Dam
nears \$15 million mark

Jerry Eyestone, Corps of Engineers project coordinator for Willow Creek Dam, discussed the status of the dam at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

He said the Willow Creek project has been approved by the U.S. Senate and the measure is now before the House awaiting approval by the Public Works Committee. If approved by the House, the bill must then be approved by the full Congress before going to President Ford for his signature.

The proposed dam is to be 149 feet high and 1,770 feet in length, with a road relocation consisting of 1.7 miles. Construction of two bridges is involved, one at the upper end

of the reservoir and the other at the intersection of Shobe Canyon Road and Highway 206.

He confirmed the relocation of the city's water lines and construction of a new one-million-gallon reservoir.

During construction, water lines would be temporary installations running along the bottom of the dam. After construction is completed the temporary lines would be encased in concrete.

Estimated cost of the project is now \$14,700,000, which includes two lakes of different elevation, the one at the lower elevation serving as a silt basin. Facilities for recreation and picnic areas are proposed, and the possibility exists for

fish hatcheries in the future. The lake would be stocked with either trout or a warm water fish, preferably both.

In case of a flood a 5x7-foot conduit connected to the spillway dam would permit flood waters to flow down Willow Creek. Other gate valves would be operated as the water rises the lake's.

The difference in elevation between the spillway and the crest of the dam is 60 feet, with the spillway having a capacity of 7,500 acre feet and a spilling capacity of 88,000 cubic feet per second.

If the project goes as planned and the Corps of Engineers start negotiations with property owners involved in the spring of 1975, con-

struction of the dam could begin by the spring of 1976, with some phases being completed in 1977. The completion date for the project has not been determined, as the work will be let to contractors at various stages.

Eyestone has been with the Corps of Engineers for many years as a structural engineer. For the past four years he has been assigned to the field.

"This is the first time I have had the opportunity to visit Heppner," he said, "and I hope to see more people and more of the area as the dam becomes a reality."

Steve Sackmann, secretary and counselor for Willow Creek Farms, will be speaker at Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

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Child development center
to open in Heppner

Preliminary inspection of the Adventist Church recreation hall by Children Services Division certification worker Nancy Hurlburt has shown that building to be licensable for the purpose of the Heppner Child Development Center.

The center, which should be in operation within 45 days, is currently in the process of selecting board members and drawing up non-profit incorporation papers. Tentatively, the center is scheduled to be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anticipated age range for

children in the center is toddler to 6 years. Changes for use of the center are individualized, based on family size and total income.

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the center for partial or full days and persons interested in working in the center, should contact Heppner Elementary School (676-9128), Anne Doherty (676-5050) or Linda Johnson (676-5069).

The center is an outgrowth of the Heppner kindergarten program which was taken over by the school district this year. Blue Mountain 4-C

(community coordinated child care) has continued its funding for child care in Heppner and this money will be transferred to the new Heppner Child Development Center. While the center will receive federal funds, it will be locally controlled and operated.

A public meeting to discuss the purpose and goals of the center will be held at the Adventist recreation hall, Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The facility is located off Water Street, at the end of Minor Street.

Horse
show
Friday

The Morrow County Wranglers' Horse Show will be held at the fairgrounds, Friday, Aug. 23.

The halter classes will start at 9 a.m., with the performance show beginning at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to enter the horse show is asked to contact Bev Steagall at the Dorm Building, fairgrounds, from 1-7 p.m.

Merchants have donated prizes to be awarded to winners of the events.

All Wranglers planning to participate in the Saturday morning parade are asked to meet at Becket Equipment wearing white shirts, dark pants and a hat.



"YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT, STRANGER?"—It took Wild West guts to ask this hombre to pose for a picture. Ironically, his name is Melvin, but don't make an issue of it—he is Melvin McDaniel, the meanest 260 pounds of human flesh in Oregon Territory. He is pictured here training in a local tavern for his Saturday night date with an equally mean critter in the rodeo's cow riding event. His entry fee is already paid, and the bets are down.



Erin Evans, left, and Jay Sullivan, Irrigon, get into the swing of Morrow County Fair events that began Monday. Here Bossy gets a wash and polish job which may earn them a blue ribbon for their year's work.

Fastest show in the West

Nation's top rodeo hands head for Heppner

Top professional cowboys and great bucking stock will be on hand for the Morrow County Rodeo in Heppner, Aug. 24-25.

"Both afternoon performances will feature competition in bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping," said Don Evans, Heppner Rodeo chairman.

One of the top hands who indicated early that he plans to compete is Bob Ragsdale, Rodeo Cowboys Association president from Chowchilla, Ca., and a National Finals Rodeo qualifier in calf roping and steer wrestling.

Cowboys entering the Heppner Rodeo will add their entry fees, \$20 in riding events and \$25 in the other events, to a

\$1,800 purse for the total prize money. Last year nearly \$5 million was won at 600 RCA-sanctioned rodeos held throughout the country.

Contestants pay their own travel expenses and entry fees, and receive only what money they are skilled enough or lucky enough to win in the arena.

Biggest single winner last year was Larry Mahan, Dallas, Tex., who won his sixth all-around championship with better than \$60,000 in earnings. Tom Ferguson, 23, Miami, Okla., leads for the title this year with more than \$45,000.

Double R Rodeo Co., Prineville, Ore., will produce the rodeo. Entries close at 5 p.m., Aug. 23.

School faculty complete

The faculty for Morrow County schools was completed Monday evening when directors of the Morrow County School District approved three new teachers and two teacher aides.

Contracts approved by the board include those of Kevin Pratt, who will teach Title 1 special reading at Boardman; Pamela Dean, social studies and English teacher at Heppner High School; and Gordon Munck, Spanish and English teacher at Heppner High. Tracy Beal and Thelma Epping will replace Mrs. Marian Abrams, librarian, and Donna Bergstrom, kindergarten aide at Heppner Elementary School.

Although the faculty for the school district has been selected, the housing shortage continues to plague incoming teachers. At present, teachers in the district are living at McNary, Hermiston and Umatilla.

Michael Tolar, principle of the A.C. Houghton Elementary School, and Dan Daloso, principal, Riverside High School, told board members that a preliminary survey in their respective areas shows an increase of 42 new students for the Irrigon area and 35 for Boardman, with largest increases in the 1st and 8th grades. Although construction in the Boardman area is still in full swing it is believed that

some of the children counted in the survey are members of transient workers and may leave the area before the end of the year due to completion of several projects there.

Tolar told the board that at Irrigon students will be using two classrooms in the old building because there are no more available classrooms.

In other action the board postponed the long range planning program until its Oct. 21 meeting with Dr. Ken Erickson, coordinator of the

University of Oregon survey team, provided the reports are mailed to the directors for study prior to the meeting. The regular scheduled meeting time has been set for 7 p.m.

The board adopted a policy of notifying students of free and reduced price lunches; approved a request that Gail Burkenbine be allowed to borrow up to \$250,000 as needed by the district to meet obligations until the next tax turnover in November, a

policy followed by this and other districts in the past.

The board approved the bid submitted by Lois Hunt for a year's contract for picking up school children in the remote Clark's Canyon area, delayed until its next meeting action on the proposed starting of the schools, should a bill before the legislature passes which would make daylight saving time permanent; and authorized the superintendent to secure surplus property for the district.

Heart failure on a combine

Bernard Merle Padberg, 46, late of Lexington, died Aug. 17 of an apparent heart attack while operating a combine on the Terry Thompson Ranch.

Mr. Padberg was working for Merritt Gray at the time of his death, which occurred about 10:30 a.m. The combine engine had been over-heating and Mr. Padberg had stopped to determine the cause.

Merritt and Thompson suggested that he might be running the combine too slow. After cooling down the radiator, Mr. Padberg got back in the combine cab and began "revving up" the engine. Both Gray and Thompson called to him several times to slow the

engine down, and finally went to the cab to see what the trouble was. Mr. Padberg was slumped over the controls.

Mr. Padberg, born June 29, 1928 was the son of William Henry Irvin Padberg and Irene Allstott.

Services were conducted Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m., at Lexington Christian Church with Rev. G.E. Nickander officiating. Vault interment followed at the Lexington Cemetery with Sweeney's Mortuary Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Padberg was a member of the B.P.O.E. 358, Morrow County gun club and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was also an avid sports fan for many

years.

He is survived by two sons, Luke and Wade, Heppner; a brother, Billy Padberg, Lexington; his mother, Irene, Lexington; and three stepsons, John Wallace, Thailand, Gene Wallace, Oxnard, Ca., and Dick Wallace, El Cajon, Ca. Donations may be made to the heart fund.

Casketbearers were Pat Cutsforth, Ron Haguewood, Roger Campbell, Ralph Marlatt, Eddie Gunderson and Dean Hunt. Honorary bearers included Pete Klinger, Judge C.C. Carmichael, Al Lovgren, LaVerne Van Marter Sr., Denny McMillan and Bob Mahoney.