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Public access to reservoir questioned

In recent weeks, the question of whether or not the public should be allowed access to Carty Reservoir at the Boardman coal-fired generating plant has been in the news.

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as supporting public access "at such a time and in such a manner as the recreational uses become compatible with the primary industrial uses of the reservoir."

Department of Fish and Wildlife people have indicated an interest and are currently looking at recreational alternatives.

Portland General Electric, owner and operator of the coal-fired plant, has said it is willing to pursue the idea of public access and Boeing Agri-Industrial, the company that has right to the land on which the reservoir sits, hasn't said much yet.

One of the most attractive recreational uses of the reservoir is the possibility of waterfowl hunting, as visitors to the site in recent weeks can attest. It is estimated that 50,000 ducks at a time are using the partially-filled reservoir.

But, there are also some problems with allowing public access to the reservoir.

First, it must be remembered that Carty Reservoir was constructed by PGE and Boeing. The reservoir was built primarily to provide coolant water for the coal-fired plant with excess storage for irrigation of Boeing land that is leased from the State Department of Veterans Affairs.

People will be working in the areas surrounding the reservoir, both on agricultural lands and around PGE's facility. With that in mind, hunting becomes less attractive.

Another problem is actual access to the reservoir. To the east is the Navy Bombing Range over which no roads can be constructed. Tower Road—coming in from 180-N—cuts off on the north side of the coal-fired plant, meaning that another road would have to wind around the plant and to the reservoir.

Still another question—should public access be allowed to an energy producing complex, especially a potential site for a nuclear plant.

Morrow County is fortunate to have major industry like PGE and Boeing. We can already see the benefit tax rolls receive and employment provided helps the entire economic sector of the county.

Nothing should be allowed—public access included—if the prime industrial uses of the area will be compromised.



Sifting through the TIMES

A major milestone in the development of the Mid-Columbia area was reached this week ten years ago when the John Day Dam on the Columbia River was closed and Lake Umatilla, 76 miles long, was formed.

The Gazette-Times described the event: "With the closure of the dam Tuesday (April 16, 1968) morning, water fed from a number of dams upriver brought the level of the new lake up at the rate of one foot per hour...the former Arlington and Boardman townsites were expected to be inundated by Friday when Lake Umatilla reached its minimum pool elevation of 257 feet at the dam."

"...All traces of the former Riverside school at Boardman near the river was gone after it was razed by salvage contractors last week..."

Classes were meeting in the new Riverside High School by that time though the school was only partially completed, and the Morrow County School Board met there for the first time that same week the new lake was forming. Since the heating system was not yet installed the board members—and the students—relied on small electric heaters to keep warm.

Mrs. Lewis (Dot) Halvorsen of Ione was named one of eight women in the state to be recognized as an Oregon Merit Mother this week in 1968. Mrs. Halvorsen, mother of four and foster mother of two, was nominated as Oregon Mother of the Year by the Ione Masonic Lodge.

This week ten years ago the Times reported that Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harris, then owners of the Harris Drive-in, had purchased the building and property of Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co. with plans to develop the site with office spaces, an upholstery shop, a barber shop and additional parking for the restaurant.

Stream fishermen were glum this week in 1958 as rain—usually a welcome prospect—continued to fall in large amounts, and clouded the prospects of good angling on the opening day of fishing season that Saturday. Today's anglers would be delighted, in spite of rain, if the season were scheduled to open this weekend instead of towards the end of May.

A lost plane which had been the object of an extensive search in the area southwest of Heppner for two days was found twenty years ago today near John Day. The pilot, Bruce Davis from Fresno, Calif., was suffering from shock after making his way through wet snow to a farmhouse carrying his injured wife.

Three Ione High School students, Mardine Baker, Ann Belle Coleman, and Karen Lundell were chosen to take part in a May Music Festival at Pacific University in Forest Grove this week in 1958.

Appearing in the editorial column of the Gazette-Times this week in 1938, was an article which has proved prophetic: "Pump-priming is a process that was common in the days of the well and the cistern. It consisted of pouring water into the top of a dry pump and then working vigorously at the handle until the pump began to operate in the normal way. It was an artificial expedient put into temporary use, and it never succeeded unless the pump itself had been kept in good working order."

"Economic pump-priming in our time is the attempt to spend our way back to prosperity by the lavish use of borrowed funds. It goes beyond the necessary relief of unemployment, and aims to revive business by a widespread distribution of purchasing power which will create a demand for goods. It assumes that if a renewed flow of the production and distribution of goods can be created, the natural operation of supply and demand will sustain and continue the process, and durable recovery will get under way."

"Economic pump-priming can never be more than a temporary process. It cannot succeed in restoring prosperity unless the business mechanism is in good working order..."

"The real issue of recovery that is now before the American people is that of exerting every effort to make sure that measures of temporary relief through federal spending be united with measures of permanent relief through the encouragement of private enterprise..."

"Another period of large-scale pump-priming not accompanied by the full restoration of business confidence would almost invariably impair the value of the dollar. We cannot continue indefinitely to pile up the public debt without decreasing the purchasing power of the dollars which compose that debt. No nation has ever successfully pursued such a course, though many have tried it..."

Underscoring the decline of the dollar in the last 40 years, is an advertisement that appeared in that same issue: "Bargains at Penney's: men's blue cambray work shirts, 25c; women's house dresses, 25c; men's dress hats, \$1; women's slacks, 79c, sheets, 2 for \$1; women's rayon slips, 35c; men's work pants 75c; men's oxfords, \$1.88; men's sox, 5c."

And in the food department, these specials from Safeway's in 1938: eggs, large ranch, 2 doz. 29c; hams, 29c a lb.; peanut butter, 1 1/2 lb. 25c; sugar, 15 lb. 87c; shortening, 8 lb., 98c; and coffee, 3 lb., 44c.

Letters From Readers

Roger's the man

Editor,

In a few more weeks the Republicans of the State of Oregon are going to the polls to select Bob Straub's opponent in the general election in November.

Three men have announced for the contest, and a long, hard, penetrating look should be taken at each of them before a choice is made.

Tom McCall has already served two terms. His time in office saw the birth of the LCDC with its dictatorial power, even though it lends lip service to local control. There was also an increase in the number of bureaucrats living off our tax dollars—a situation which has not been bettered under Governor Straub. I don't know whether or not Mr. McCall is now drawing a pension, but I do know that he is eligible to do so, and I feel that we'd be better off paying the pension than to have him again in the Governor's chair.

I like Victor Atiyeh as a senator. He has done a good job there, but I don't feel that he's forceful enough to be an effective governor. Besides, he has already had one chance against Straub, and I see no reason to believe that he could do any better a second time. He should withdraw from the race, but he has already said that he won't do so. Therefore, he'll probably take votes away from Roger Martin. One can only hope that he'll take more from McCall.

Mr. Martin has been on the campaign trail since last year. He was the first to declare that he was going to run, and he has been a very active candidate. I met him last time he was in Heppner and was impressed. He looks a man in the eye when he answers a question, and he doesn't beat about the bush as some politicians do. (We have one in Congress now who can talk half a newspaper column and never say

anything!) Further, Roger Martin shakes hands like he means it.

I'm awfully tired of all the "help" I'm getting from a lot of people in government that I never had a hand in electing, and Roger Martin has already promised to begin weeding them out by putting government on a "diet". He deserves your vote. Try him. I think you'll like him!

Sincerely,
Clifford A. Williams
Lexington

Lumberjack show termed a success

Editor,

Spring smiles blossomed on the faces of the more than 800 spectators as they joined in the festivities of Saturday's Lumberjack Show.

This day in fun could not have met with such success without the diligent work of many people. Those that come to mind are the Fair Committee group, working as one; Kinzua Corporation, for their large responsibility; the time keepers; the secretaries; the Bluebirds, for their presentation of the flag; Ken Grieb, for his trumpet solo; and Dr. Tibbles and the Heppner Chapter of EMTs for their medical services.

Let us not forget the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Association who brought the day to a close with meaning and memories until next year.

With Grateful Thanks,
Delpha Jones, Fair Committee Chairman

Picture Credit

All for one, and one for all...like the Three Musketeers these canines stand guard over the cab of the Heppner-Pendleton Freight Lines truck while parked in Heppner.

'Labor reform' bill will hurt Oregonians

Waldron Johnson, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, released a statement from Salem this week reacting to an analysis by a nationally-known economist on what effect the passage of the "Labor Reform" bill would have on the economy of Oregon.

Dr. Pierre Rinfret, a promi-

nent economist in New York City and president of his own economic consulting firm, has released a report on his analysis of the economic effects of H.R. 8410 and S. 2467, should this legislation be enacted by the Congress. The study was sponsored by a number of business organizations, but Dr. Rinfret has

stressed the fact that none of the sponsoring organizations had in any way influenced the findings of his study.

His analysis of Oregon indicates the legislation would lead to a higher degree of unionization in the state, particularly in the area of small businesses of fewer than

250 employees that are predominant in the service, whole sale, retail, finance, insurance and real estate businesses. According to Rinfret, there would be a 31 per cent rise in wage costs in this sector. Some 66 per cent of the nation's workforce fall in this category.

"For each 10 per cent increase in union members in the state, total wage and salary costs would rise by \$150

million a year," Rinfret said. At the present time, some 26.5 per cent of the non-agricultural workforce in Oregon is unionized. This compares with a national average of 24 per cent.

"Our reaction to this analysis," said Johnson, "is that passage of this so-called Labor Reform Bill would be disastrous for Oregon, of which agriculture is an important part. The Rinfret analysis makes it clear that this bill would produce inflation by legislation. For each 10 per cent increase in union membership, the consumer price index would increase by at least five index points, which means a three per cent increase in the rate of inflation. With inflation already hovering at seven per cent, this legislation could lead us back to double-digit inflation."

Johnson points out that one of the major problems in the current farm income situation is the rate of inflation and the

resulting increases in the costs of goods and services farmers have to buy to produce their crops.

"This economic analysis," said Johnson, "makes it abundantly clear that the people of Oregon will be harmed greatly by the passage of this legislation; and that consumers should join the farmers in expressing their strong opposition to Senators Hatfield and Packwood."

OBITUARY

Maude Craber

Maude Craber, 89, Heppner, died Sunday, April 16, in Heppner.

A lifetime resident of the area, she was born Sept. 23, 1888, in Hardman, the daughter of Daniel and Anna Allen Rice, early Hardman pioneers.

Mrs. Craber was a member of the First Christian Church in Heppner.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at

the First Christian Church, Heppner, with the Rev. Edwin Sikes officiating. Carl and Betty Marquardt sang "Amazing Grace" and "Good Night and Good Morning", with Mrs. Marquardt at the organ. Concluding services and interment were at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Robert Stevens, Elmer Palmer, Dar-

old Hams, Kenneth Batty, Marcel Jones and D.O. Nelson.

Mrs. Craber is survived by three sons; Harold Craber, The Dalles; Dallas Craber and Gordon Craber, both of Heppner; and a daughter, Creth Harris, Heppner; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.E. (Ed) Craber in 1958.



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