

# Jordan Canyon Project to control, prevent erosion

Story and photo  
By CATHY PECK

The Jordan Canyon Project is unique in this area. Nearly 9,800 acres, under 13 ownerships, are being brought into a massive terracing plan designed to control and prevent water erosion.

Frank Halvorsen met with Jim Swanson in the spring of 1980 to discuss the project. Swanson was then serving on the A.S.C.S. committee. Both farmers in the Jordan Canyon area, Swanson and Halvorsen recognized the need to control the area's runaway erosion, which was estimated at 20 to 40 tons per acre during the 1979-80 winter.

The project consists of terracing and stubble mulching to deter erosion. The terracing is 25 percent complete, and there is a need for more stubble mulching, according to Bob Adelman, District Soil and Water Conservation director. Level terraces are being used to catch and store water in ponds, as opposed to older style diversion ditches.

Some farmers are further protecting their land from erosion and are preserving as much as an inch of moisture by reducing tillage, and by using minimum till operations on their land. Farmers involved in minimum till operations point to reduced cost,

less soil compaction, and more moisture as indicators of the advantages of the minimum till philosophy.

Funding for the project comes through both annual and long term agreements with the federal government. At this time, \$53,328 has been paid out, and \$69,461 is obligated to be paid.

The original estimate of the total cost in 1980 was \$482,180. The project has in excess of 250,000 feet of level storage type terraces. The cost per foot of construction is about 55 cents. Lloyd German, district A.S.C.S. director was instrumental in helping the farmers obtain funding.

## BMCC plans June course at Yellowstone Park

The natural history of Yellowstone Park will be studied this summer in a class of the same name to be offered by Blue Mountain Community College.

The ten-day class is scheduled for June 11 - 20 at Yellowstone National Park. BMCC science instructors Bill Jacobson and Stan Prowant are organizers and leaders of the expedition.

Cost of the four-credit

## National award applications due

By BIRDINE TULLIS  
Morrow Co. Extension Service

Older 4-H members are reminded that application forms for national awards must be received by the Morrow Extension office no later than April 23. The application must include a project summary, 4-H story, pictures, recommendations from an adult, a permanent record and current project records.

Nominees in the national awards program will be selected in May. Final selection and approval of winners will be made June 25 - 27 during interviews and participation during Oregon 4-H ambassador weekend at the Oregon 4-H Center.

Local woman celebrates 90th birthday  
Hermiston: Ellen Snabel Nash, Fossil; Melba Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan, Lexington; and Fern Russell of Portland.

More than half the birthday party's guests were family members who shared a potluck reunion supper later at the grange hall. Relatives traveling from a distance for the celebration were Ruth (Swanson) and Frank Lundell, Norma Lundell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lundell and children David, Diane and Darin of Milwaukie; Thelma (Newton) Hall and Freda (Newton) Koski of Mountlake Terrace, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. George Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Newton and children Misty and Chad of Vancouver, Washington; Fern (Engleman) and John Turner, Baker; Richard Rea, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Rea and sons Terrill and Robert of Boardman; Ruby Ann (Riet-

mann) and Dean Rohde, Kennewick, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. John Rietmann and son Nathan, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rietmann, Condon; Gilbert Petteys, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Petteys and daughter Katherine, Boardman; Beverly (Petteys) and Richard MacFarlane, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Petteys and sons Mark, Jeff and Kelly of Parkdale; and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Newell, San Francisco.

Inpromptu supper entertainment was provided by Mark, Pat and Gary Petteys, playing string selections on banjo, guitar and bass respectively.

"It was the happiest birthday I've ever had," said Mrs. Nicholson. "Besides such a lovely party and reunion, I've had so many warm birthday greetings from friends and family who couldn't be here."

## Local woman celebrates 90th birthday

More than a hundred friends and relatives of Edith Petteys Nicholson gathered at Willows Grange Hall in Ione on Saturday, April 10, to help her celebrate her 90th birthday.

A lifelong resident of Morrow County, Mrs. Nicholson is the daughter of pioneer Emanuel C. and Catherine (Genger) Petteys. She was born at the family's homestead ranch, three miles east of Ione in 1892, where she lived until her marriage to Fred J. Nicholson in 1923.

The festivities were planned by her nieces, Vera (Engleman) Rietmann and Norma (Swanson) Rea of Ione and her daughter, Alice (Nicholson) Newell, of San Francisco.

Out-of-town guests at the afternoon party included Delta Huber, Grace Buschke, Millie Evans, Cecilia Healy and Frances Mitchell, Heppner; Della Snabel Stirewalt,

— Governor: Democrat Stan Terry and Republicans Cliff Everett and E. Allen Propst

— Labor commissioner: Republican Mike Wooten and Democrat incumbent Mary Roberts

— District 57 State Representative: Democrats Barbara Wright and John Kopetski

— Superintendent of Public Instruction: Eugene Lehman and Lidia Pat Graham (non-partisan)

— Umatilla County Commissioner, position one: Republicans William (Bill) Hansell and Eugene Pickard and Democrats Wayne E. Moore and Frank J. Harkenrider

— Pendleton City Council, ward three: Roy Hattenhauer

The uncontested primary candidates who will be present to be introduced include incumbent District 57 State Rep. Bob Harper, Republican; incumbent Umatilla County Circuit Court Judge Jack Olsen; incumbent Democrat Bud Draper and Republican Thomas McMahon, candidates for Umatilla County Commissioner, position two; incumbent Umatilla County Surveyor, David Krumbain; incumbent Umatilla County Assessor, James T. White.

## 4-H Summer Week slated

By BIRDINE TULLIS  
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Information concerning 4-H summer week at Oregon State University will be in the mail soon to all Morrow Co. 4-H'ers in eighth through 12th grade. It is imperative that the application forms be returned to the OSU Extension office, Box 397, Heppner, as soon as possible. Summer week dates are June 14 - 19.

Summer week brings 4-H members from all parts of Oregon together at OSU to

learn new skills; meet other 4-H'ers and enjoy the experience of campus living for a full week. All this at very little cost to the member, for local businesses and individuals provide scholarships to pay the cost of the members attending.

Some changes have been made in the application forms this year, so 4-H'ers are encouraged to read the information carefully and return their form immediately to the Extension office.



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## Dam engineer joins Bend corp.

Preston Foster, an engineer in charge of a quality control program at the Willow Creek Dam, has joined Century West Engineering of Bend as a quality control engineer, it was announced in a news release from Century West Engineering Corp.

Before joining Century West, Foster was project manager for R.A. Chambers & Associates, Inc. in Eugene. He was responsible for construction management on a wide variety of projects including the Redmond Municipal Airport Terminal and the Standfield, Irrigon and LaPine schools, the news release said.

Foster brings 16 years of experience in construction management and engineering. He received his B.A. in business administration from Portland State University, an A.A. in construction management from Columbia University in Missouri, and an A.A. in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas, the news release concluded.

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