

County crushes rock near Boardman

For 25 years, getting a piece of the rock has been serious business to Rom Mabbott, and a rock solid business at that.

Last March, Morrow County contracted with Mabbott's company, United Crushing Consultants of Pendleton to run the county's rock crusher.

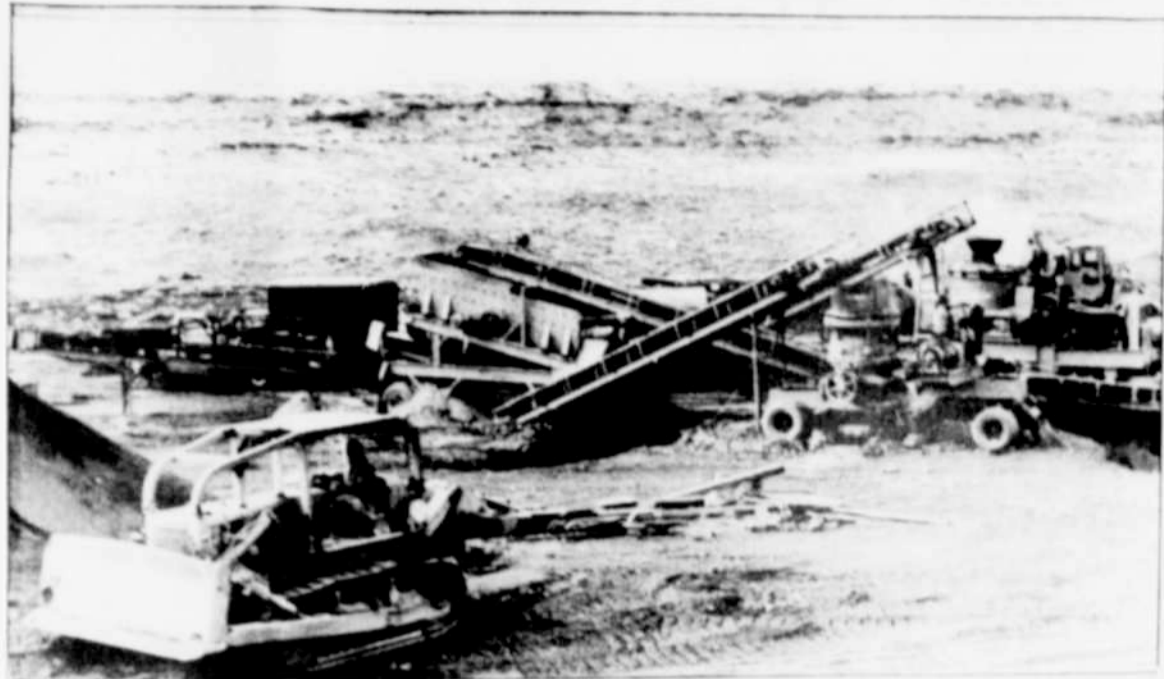
For the past month, Mabbott has been crushing rock just west of Tower Road in Boardman faster than county crews can haul it off. The county is stockpiling the crushed rock on city property for use on county road projects this spring.

Two major projects scheduled for this spring are the reconstruction of Wilson and Paul Smith roads, according to County Commissioner G.W. "Jerry" Peck. The first phase of the reconstruction, ditch digging, fence building, tree removal, etc., could begin as early as January. Peck said.

The county turned the operation over to private enterprise in order to reduce operating costs, the Commission said. Mabbott has reduced the cost of operating the crusher more than 50%. It cost the county \$7.05 per cubic yard to operate the crusher last year compared to this year's \$3.50 per cubic yard, including maintenance.

In the first three weeks of operation in North Morrow County, Mabbott produced nearly 15,000 tons of the 3/4 inch minus rock. Mabbott is operating the crusher five days a week and is turning out 800 to 900 tons a day.

Morrow County purchased the rock crusher in 1951. The county has continually upgraded the equipment through the years and invested \$176,000 in 1986 for improvements and maintenance.



An overview of Morrow County's rock crusher. Purchased in 1951, the county has nearly a half million dollars invested in the equipment.



Tom Mabbott keeps a continuous eye on the crusher's belts and conveyors while the machine is in operation.

"There's a lot of things that can go wrong," says Mabbott, if a belt or conveyor gets jammed or if the feeder gets plugged the crusher must be shut down within seconds to avoid costly damages to the machine.

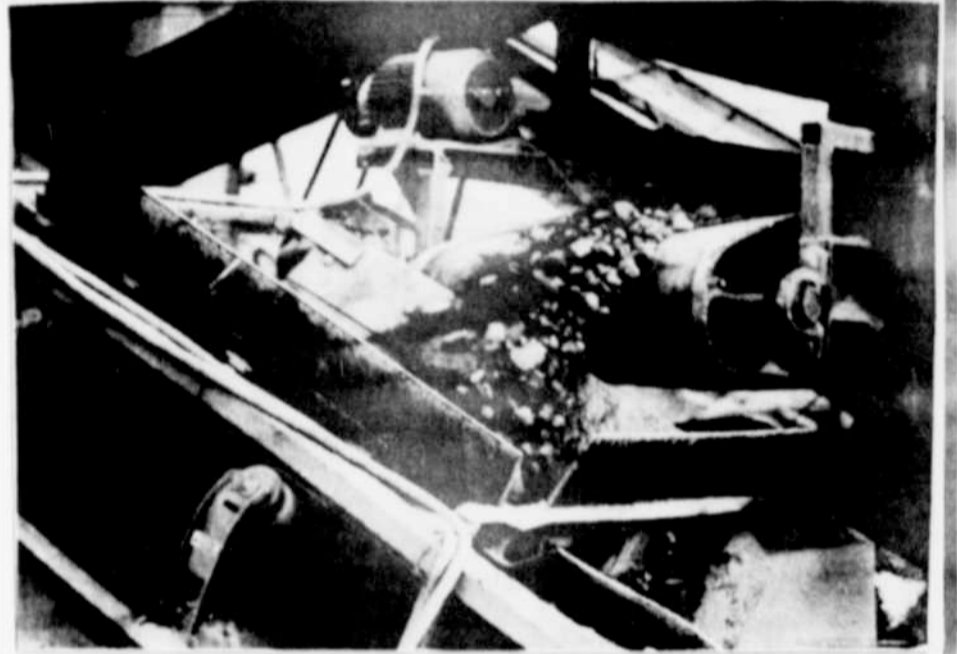
Mabbott's son, Dave, who is also his business partner, physically inspects the blind spots Mabbott can't see from the control station.

After two crushings, the rock is screened to separate the 3/4 inch minus. Larger material heads for the impact crusher for a final crushing.

County crews can barely keep up with Tom Mabbott running the operation.

Three county dump trucks equipped with trailers haul the rock several times daily to a stockpile site in Boardman.

Each truck with a trailer holds about 22 cubic yards of aggregate.



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Morrow County trio to prepare 'Middle of Nowhere' chili for cookoff

Morrow County members of the "Real" Middle of Nowhere Chili Clan, Marv "Really Nowhere" Peterson, Peter "Almost Nowhere" Longway-Vince, and Bob "Sometimes Nowhere" Deeter have qualified to compete in the Great Northwest Chili Cook-Off January 17 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn in Portland.

In preparation for this culinary contest, the clan will cook a sample batch of the "Real" Middle of Nowhere Chili at Beecher's Cafe in Lone, Sunday, January 11. The "Real" Middle of Nowhere Chili will be ready for tasting at 6:30 p.m., but the "Nowhere" show will start at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come watch the show and sample the chili.

According to "Really Nowhere" Peterson, the clan's chief chef, the Cook-Off should be loads of fun. Each of the 20 teams chosen for the

Cook-Off will present a skit based on its theme. The Nowhere Clan bases its theme on the advantages of living in the "real" middle of nowhere.

The Clan will decorate its booth, lucky number 13, at the Cook-Off with the flora, bunch grass and sage, of Morrow County, and will perform its skit at 2:15 p.m., January 17.

The Great Northwest Chili Cook-Off is sponsored by the Oregon Beef Council. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded by judges and to people's choice winners. Chili will be judged on taste, red color, consistency, aroma and aftertaste.

Proceeds from Cook-Off admission and tastes sold to the public at the Cook-Off will go to the Washington Park Zoo. Starting time for the Cook-Off January 17 is 11 a.m.



Marv "Really Nowhere" Peterson (left) and Peter "Almost Nowhere" Longway-Vince prepare to make chili.

Four vehicles collide near Kinzua

Two people were treated at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner following a three-car-log truck pile up last Wednesday afternoon.

Art Warren, driver of a Volkswagen, and Linda Conklin, driver of a station wagon, were taken to the hospital. Log truck driver Cary Davis and Don Ball, driver of a pickup were not injured in the accident.

The log truck apparently was parked near the Kinzua mill when the vehicles collided. The road was icy and it was snowing, the Sheriff's Office reports. All of the vehicles sustained some damage. The Sheriff's Office is still investigating the accident; no citations had been issued Tuesday.

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Other Animal Products 2,238,000
All Livestock \$29,404,000
All Crops & Livestock 90,120,000

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Pickup rolls, injures four

A pickup driven by Balynda Hager went over the bank and rolled last Thursday afternoon. The driver apparently lost control on an icy curve near the Blake Ranch above Heppner. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports that the accident is still

under investigation and no citations have yet been issued.

Hager and her passengers, Julie Wilde, John Ferrell, and Yvette Cowett, were all taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital following the accident. Hager and Ferrell were still patients there Monday.

To All Morrow County Voters

We recognize that for many of us these are very difficult times economically. This situation makes it more important than ever that we all pull together to support our communities. One of the first questions asked by people and industry that are interested in locating in the county is about the quality of the school system and other local government services. We are now at an extremely critical crossroads in the future of our school system and the wrong turn will have a long lasting adverse affect on the entire area.

We recognize that there are differences of opinion on school operations but now is the time to lay those differences to the side and support the budget and then take the opportunity to get involved in the system and make your differences known. Please join us January 13 in casting a positive vote for the future of Morrow County.

Remember, we are the ones that have to support our county, no one else will do it for us.

The Employees and Directors of Morrow County Grain Growers

Alcohol Servers Class

Sunday, Jan. 11
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JANUARY 16

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TUESDAY
JAN. 13
6:30 p.m.

Heppner Elks 358

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Ag sales down 9%

calves a close second (\$27,166,000). Wheat sales were \$14 million and hay and forage \$9 million.

Agricultural sales in the County by commodity are listed below:

1986 Sales by Commodity	
Potatoes	\$27,644,000
Wheat	14,650,000
Hay & Forage	9,186,000
Other Crops	9,236,000
All Crops	60,716,000
Cattle & Calves	27,166,000

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Fresh Bulk Carrots	25¢ lb.
Green Cabbage	29¢ lb.
Cauliflower	59¢ lb.
Red Delicious Apples	49¢ lb.
Fresh Whole Crab	\$2.98 lb.
Pork Chops Assorted Cut	\$1.59 lb.
Beef Round Steak	\$1.49 lb.
Western Family Macaroni & Cheese Dinner 7 1/2 oz.	3 for \$1.00
Western Family Thin Sliced Roast Beef 2 1/2 oz.	3 for \$1.10

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Oysters (Med.) 10 oz. jar
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Charmin Bathroom Tissue
12 roll pack
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Clam Chowder
15 oz. can
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