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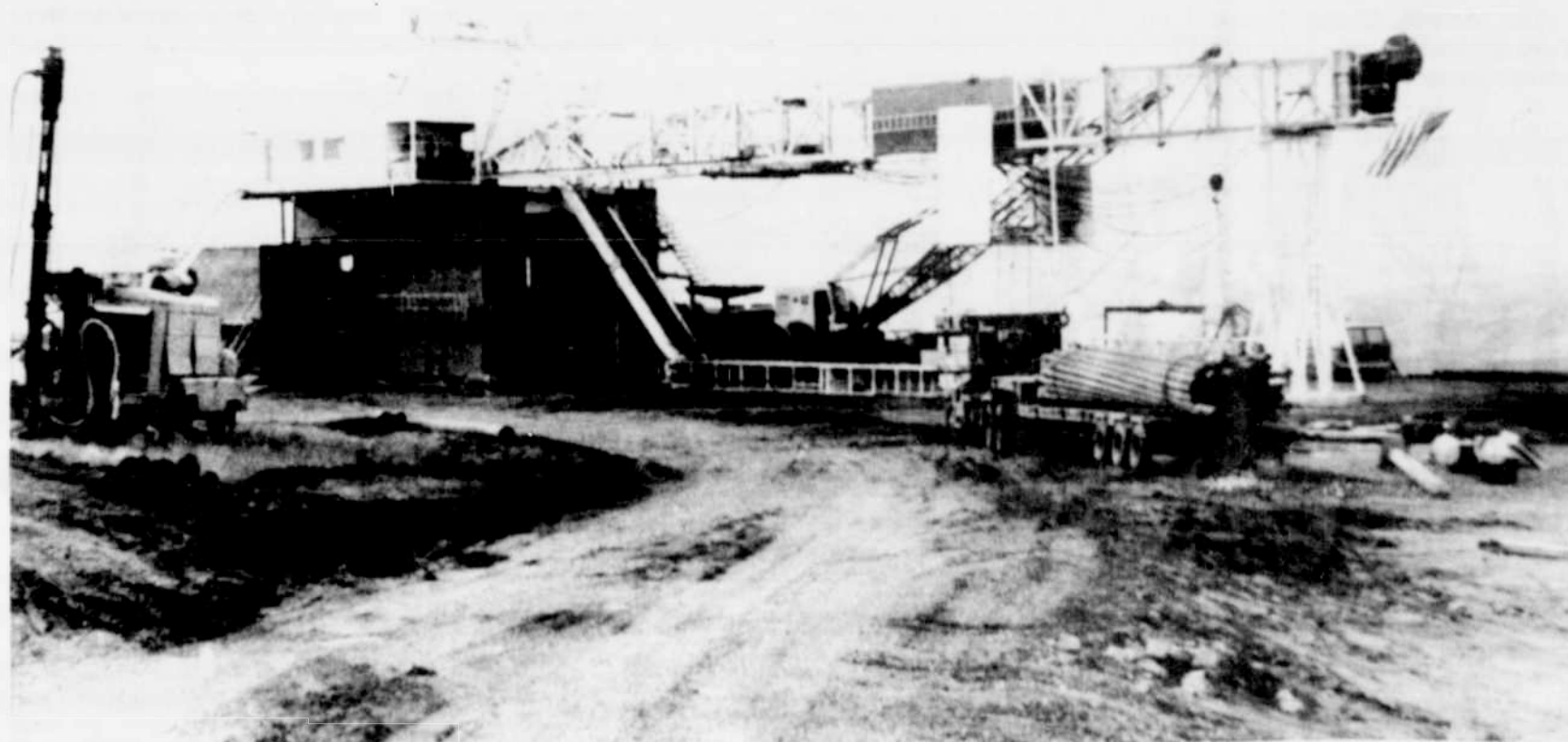
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Drilling has begun on Hanna place



Parker Drilling #92 was constructing the drilling rig last week on the Hanna place. Arco is looking for natural gas.

ARCO Oil and Gas has contracted Parker Drilling Company #92 from the Tri-Cities to start drilling on the John Hanna place. They have a 15,000 foot rig and are looking for natural gas. They will drill to see what they get and then test.

The rigging was moved in starting on Tuesday last week on fifty-three truck loads, from Bakersfield, California and the Tri-Cities. Getter Trucking brings the rigging in and serves the Rocky Mountain area. The rigging was put up last week and drilling was to begin on Monday or Tuesday of this week. The rigging was built in 1981 and is winterized for cold weather drilling. It is 163 feet high.

According to Gary Creamer, drilling foreman, the rig is run by three

Waukesha diesel motors of 566 horsepower each.

Creamer says it takes 40 men to "rig up" an operation and when they get started into the every day operation, it will take about 25 men per day, depending upon the operation, and run 24 hours per day for 90-120 days.

The crews come from Richland, Hermiston, Pendleton and Heppner. Most of the men live in town, others commute from Hermiston and the Tri-Cities.

Creamer, a native of Texas, lives in Bakersfield, California. His consultant, Orvin Pickett, Paige, Arizona, comes in every two weeks and relieves Gary for two weeks. Creamer goes home to Bakersfield at this time.

"Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have been exceptionally nice," says Creamer, "and we have the best view in the country from this site."

Van Arsdale Construction and Easy Way Construction did the dirt work in preparation for bringing in the drilling rig.

The hole they are drilling is from 20 1/2 to 8 1/2 inches in diameter. The drill pipe weighs 19 1/2 pounds per foot and the drill collars weigh 156 pounds per foot.

The rig uses 1,000 to 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel per day. When the air compressor is working, it uses 500 gallons of diesel per day. The fuel is purchased and hauled locally.

The drilling company used as many of the local resources as they

National Little League week is June 6-11

The week of June 6-11 marks National Little League Week.

Earl Fishburn is the new president of Willow Creek Little League. He has been involved in Little League for nine years, part of the time which his son Mark was a member. His son continued to play baseball in Babe Ruth and then on into high school.

Little League is growing very fast in this part of the state. In 1980 there were 4 Little League teams in Heppner. Today, there are eighteen teams, consisting of seven major teams, six T-ball teams and five minor teams. Approximately 230 kids participate in this special program. The ages range from 7 years through 12 years of age. Each team consists of about thirteen players, two coaches and many helpers.

The selection for the majors begin the first of April, playing their first game the first weekend in May. They play fourteen games.

Minors and T-ball select their teams the first of May and begin playing the first of June. They play 10 games.

The towns participating in this program are Ione, Arlington, Condon, Fossil and Heppner.

Everywhere you look, you will find teams practicing for their games. The new park under the dam will be under lease by September for Little Leaguers to play on by next spring.

The park will be fenced and



Earl Fishburn, President of Willow Creek Little League is standing by the outfield fence at the fairgrounds. June 6-11 is National Little League Week.

backstops put in place. Money for these projects have been gathered by fund raisers for the last several years. "A lot of good help and hard work has caused this project to become a reality," says Fishburn.

This year at the fairgrounds, the dugouts have been re-done and new covers put on them.

At the end of the season, All-Stars will be chosen as a team to go to the district tournament the end of July.

The winners there will go on to state. State winners in turn will advance to regionals and if successful there, will advance to the Little League World Series.

"Little League is very successful here in Heppner, and continues to grow, thanks to the help of all of the volunteers," says Fishburn. He is very proud of the program that has evolved here and it is very worth the effort it has cost.

Wheat growers sponsor tour and barbecue



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Bob and Josie Kindsfather will host the Morrow County Conservation Tour June 17 beginning at 4 p.m.

The Morrow County Wheat Growers Conservation Tour of Bob and Josie Kindsfather farm will be June 17 at 4 p.m. A family steak barbecue will follow at 6 p.m. The Kindsfathers farm is located 9 miles south of Lexington on Social Ridge Road. The Kindsfather's farm, 3755

acres of owned and leased land in a 12-inch rainfall area. They moved to Morrow County in 1979 from Montana and since their arrival have installed 12 miles of terraces and use a variety of minimum tillage operations to control erosion. The public is invited to both the tour and barbecue.

See page 6 for more pictures.

Pac-10 Tournament tickets are special items for Reno Night

Bidders at the third annual Heppner Booster's Club Reno Night will have many interesting items upon which to bid. The bidding follows an evening of game playing scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

One of the featured bid items will be an all expense paid trip to the Pac-10 basketball tournament in Los Angeles in March, 1989. This packaged trip has been put together by Jim Barratt Tours of Corvallis through the cooperation of several Heppner High School alumni and has a retail value of approximately \$1,000.

The all-expense PAC-10 tournament package has been donated by the following HHS alumni and friends: Jim and Dorothea Barratt, Corvallis; Bill and Shirley Blake, Monmouth; Bill and Annetta Padberg, Lexington; Ken and Mary Kay Singer, Scottsdale, Az.; Phil

and Marian Cohn, Wilsonville; Harold and Carol Kerr, Corvallis; and Ted Ferguson, Gold Beach, Bill and Bonnie Barratt, Spokane, WA; Wilbur and Rita Worden, Heppner; Walt and Dorothy Skuzeski, Yamhill; Gail and Jean (Hays) Gronewald, Vancouver, WA; Scott and June McMurdo, Corvallis; Tad and Melba Miller, Heppner; and Ken and Jean Ann Turner, Heppner and others.

Other items to be auctioned off include a half beef (cut and wrapped), a pair of Red Wing boots (donated by the Shoe Box), a white-water raft trip for two on the Deschutes River, four cords of firewood, a chain saw (donated by Morrow County Grain Growers), a kitchen center and a flight for four around Mt. St. Helens provided by John Boyer.

Several gallons of Roundup and Landmaster have been donated by area farmers and will be put up for

auction as has a ton of hay, provided by Ken Wright, a trip for two to Reno, two tickets to a Portland Trailblazer basketball game, passes to Heppner High School home sporting events, an all-expense paid golfing package to the Tri-Cities and a host of other items.

Money raised from this benefit event will be used by the Booster Club to finance various activities at Heppner High School and for scholarships for the 1988-89 school year. This past year, the boosters Club awarded four \$200 scholarships to HHS graduates.

The organizational group that has been putting the final touches upon this year's Reno Night include Earl and Peggy Fishburn, Archie and Diana Ball, Lee Padberg, Martha Munkers, Rick and Susan Johnston, Bobbi Angell, Dale and Linda Conklin and Bob and Sharon Harrison.

can, such as welders from Heppner, buying of supplies in Lexington and Heppner and the rental of a garbage truck from Heppner.

They have drilled a water well 805 feet deep for drilling and drinking. There are three mobile housing units set up on the site, one for the foreman, one for the geologist and the other is for communications.

A telephone line with five lines is being installed under the direction of John Stanley.

If gas were to be found, one option of transfer would be a pipeline for distribution.

Wallace Security of Portland is in charge of the security at the gate.

This organization seems to be run very professionally, with little room for error.

Former HHS student honored as golf coach of the year

The Oregon High School Coaches' Association named Bob Davidson, La Salle High School golf coach, as its 1987 AA Golf Coach of the Year at its awards banquet in Eugene Saturday night.

Davidson's golf team at La Salle recently won the 1988 AA State Title for the first time. His teams have placed second in the state tournament four times in the past five years, finishing third the other year.

Davidson, who also assists in basketball, has been the golf coach at La Salle for 13 years, and has

taken eight teams to the state tournament. He has been teaching and coaching for 24 years.

He was a 1960 graduate of Heppner High. He graduated from Eastern Oregon in 1964 and has a Master's degree from Portland State University in 1968.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

May 31 - June 6

	High	Low	Prec.
Tues.	60	47	.21
Wed.	65	46	.04
Thurs.	66	47	.09
Fri.	59	45	.04
Sat.	58	46	.01
Sun.	51	45	.21
Mon.	61	45	.01

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, June 6

	Soft White	
June	\$3.79/\$3.82	
July	\$3.84/\$3.86	
Aug.	\$3.88/\$3.90	
Sept.	\$3.93	
	Barley	
June	\$93 T	
July-Aug	\$95 T	
Sept.	\$96 T	
PIK	98 1/2 %	



Dick Sargent displays the chainsaw donated by Morrow County Grain Growers to be auctioned off at Reno night

Former teachers to be in Heppner

Tim and Lucille Juett of Ashland, Kentucky, former elementary principal and Home Economics teacher from 1949-52 will be in Heppner early in June. They would like to see as many former students and old

friends as possible.

Please give Paul or Claudine Warren, 676-9760 a call and they will get your phone number to the Juett's when they arrive.

Shrine tickets available

Shrine tickets may be purchased from Lucky Felt at 676-5574. The Shrine game is August 13 in Baker.

Retirement Party

Honoring retiring directors, Howard Bryant and L. E. Dick, Jr.

June 10 - 1 - 5 p.m.
Heppner Branch

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