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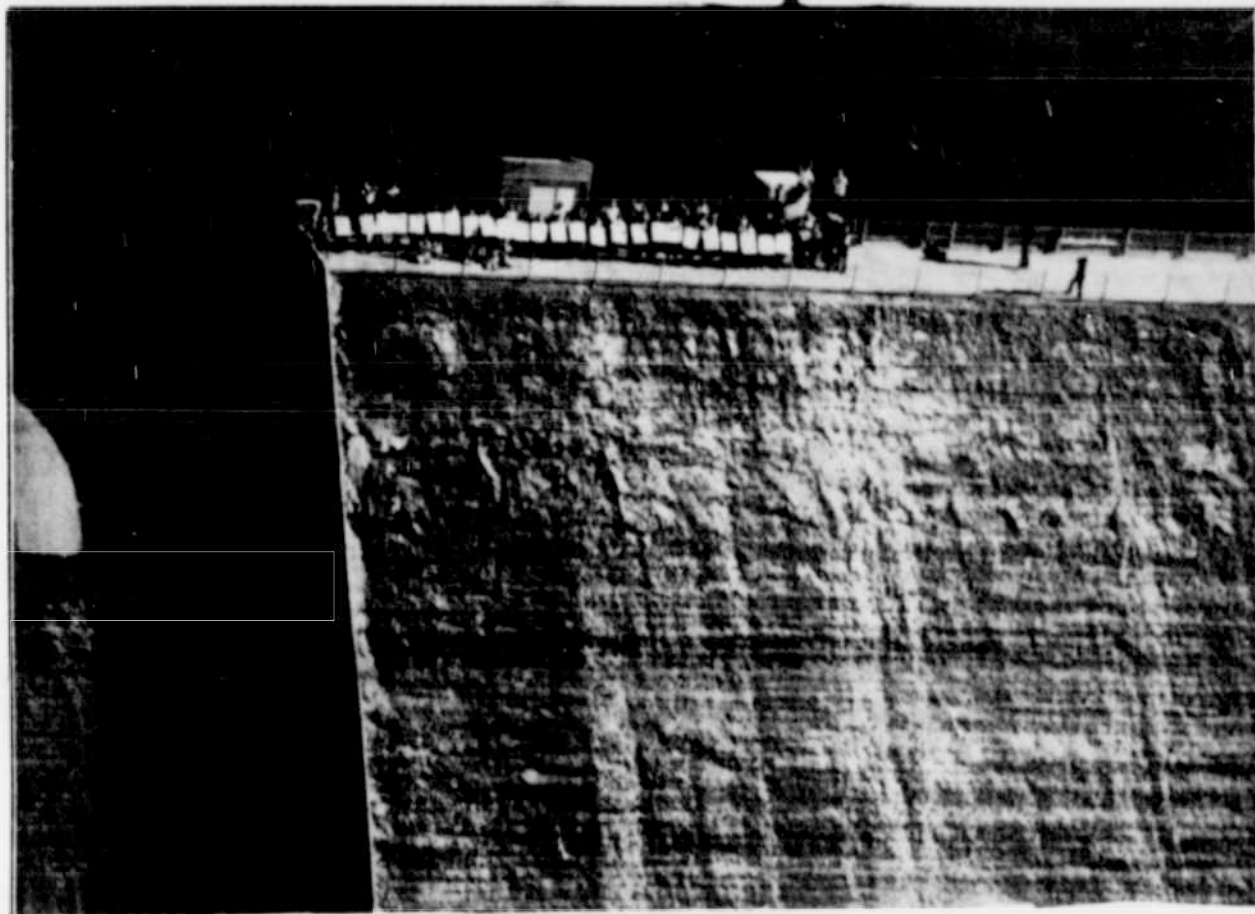
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## We're on top of it



Fifty people stood atop the Willow Creek Dam last Friday afternoon to let people know that Heppner believes the dam is safe.

## Water releases from Willow Creek Lake to decrease

Water releases from Willow Creek Lake at Heppner, will be reduced from the current 10 cubic feet per second (cfs) to three cfs on Monday, October 3, the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announced.

Last spring Willow Creek Lake was filled to 2,076 feet above mean sea level, up 13 feet from the normal operating level of 2,063 feet. The extra 13 feet of water was pro-

vided on an experimental basis this year in an attempt to improve the water quality of the lake.

Water releases between 10 and 12 cfs were made during July through September. Downstream water users feel of additional water. Because the water quality of the lake did not show improvement as a result of the increased storage and releases, the lake will be maintained at 2,063 feet with a minimum water release of

three cfs during the coming year.

Water stored in Willow Creek Lake for irrigation may be purchased through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's water contracts office in Boise, Idaho. If sufficiently funded, the District 5 Watermaster's Office, in close coordination with the Corps of Engineers, is capable of providing stored water releases to purchasers.

### Quick Getaway



Someone at the Heppner Hotel project was getting prepared last week for "the big one" by putting a rubber boat out the hotel window.

### Health officials

### endorse French

State Representative Ray French announced today his endorsement for re-election to his seat in District 59 by Nurse-PAC. Members of this organization include the Oregon Nurses Association.

"We are pleased to let your electorate know that you have consistently been concerned about the quality of nursing and health care in Oregon," said Nurse-PAC treasurer, Marlene Gleason. "We look forward to the opportunity of working with you during the 1989 session."

French, a two-term incumbent, is a life-long resident of Eastern Oregon. During the 1987 legislative session French pressed through bills to allow nurse practitioners to have the ability to write prescriptions in certain situations. This was an important issue in out-lying areas who do not have immediate physician care. He also helped sponsor a bill to increase resources for rural hospitals by the state, and to include rural hospitals in Economic Development plans.

## The circus came to town



The circus was in town last week. The King Royal Circus was sponsored by Heppner Elks

Lodge #358. Many kids enjoyed riding on the elephant.

## Kinzua and IWA 3-312 settle contract

Kinzua Corporation of Heppner and Local Union 3-312 of the International Woodworkers of America have recently ratified a four (4) year agreement.

The agreement calls for an \$1,100 bonus in the first year, plus a two percent general wage increase, and the addition of a personal holiday. Years two through four call for general wage increases of two per-

cent per year, a second personal holiday, and an increase to the pension fund.

Perhaps the single biggest issue accomplished was the institution of a gain sharing plan. The plan calls for union members to share in profits of the corporation based on a present formula and be distributed off of the prior year's W2 earnings.

The company and local union representatives met seven times bet-

ween April and September before reaching an agreement. The primary focus for both sides was to keep everyone working until a contract could be finalized. Kinzua and its employees continued on a steady and uninterrupted work schedule taking advantage of favorable market conditions while other companies were out on strike, some for over nine weeks.

### Story Hour

Storytime is at 10:30 a.m. at the Heppner Public Library this Thursday. Toni Watne will be reading about "Kitty Cats".

### Cattlemen to meet

Morrow County Cattlemen's president Tami Rietmann announces a meeting to be held at noon at Kates, Wednesday, October 12. It is suggested that members and interested persons come early to order so the full hour will be available for meeting.

Agenda items will include a Baker convention report, discussion of Cattlemen's participation in the October 27 Spooktacular Event, 1989 National Cookoff, plans for Town and Country annual meeting and the Portland quarterly.

Anyone interested in promotion of beef is welcome to attend.

## Oct. 9 is Lexington singspiration

Sunday, Oct. 9 will see the area churches joining together for a time of singing in Lexington. Lexington Baptist church is the host this month for the monthly singspiration which starts at 7 p.m. Individuals and churches are encouraged to bring special numbers for everyone to enjoy. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Refreshments will be served following the singing.

### Weather Report

by City of Heppner

September 27 - October 3

|        | High | Low | Prec. |
|--------|------|-----|-------|
| Tues.  | 64   | 41  | .0    |
| Weds.  | 73   | 42  | .0    |
| Thurs. | 77   | 45  | .0    |
| Fri.   | 86   | 47  | .0    |
| Sat.   | 83   | 50  | .0    |
| Sun.   | 80   | 50  | .0    |
| Mon.   | 79   | 48  | .0    |

### Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Oct. 3

|                    | Soft White      |  |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Oct                | \$4.40/\$4.42   |  |
| Nov.               | \$4.45/\$4.46   |  |
| Dec.               | \$4.48/\$4.49   |  |
| Jan                | \$4.50/\$4.51   |  |
|                    | Barley          |  |
| Oct.               | \$1.07 T        |  |
| Nov.               | \$1.09/\$1.10 T |  |
| Dec.               | \$1.12 T        |  |
| Jan.               | \$1.13 T        |  |
| PK                 | 99.5%           |  |
| New Crop - Aug. 89 | \$3.75          |  |
|                    | Hard Red Winter |  |
| Oct                | \$4.44          |  |

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