

# Members of Portland Chamber Seem Impressed With Project

Members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce delegation Thursday seemed particularly impressed with the sports-fishing possibilities in the Howard Prairie reservoir.

Marshall N. Dana, former editor of the Oregon Journal editorial page, headed the group. He said it should be emphasized that the state game commission will plant rainbow trout first in the reservoir. This, he said, should attract a good many out-of-state trout fishermen.

Cole Rivers, local representative of the state game commission, said spiny ray fish such as bass and perch will be planted after the commission determines how well the trout have adapted themselves to the reservoir. The spiny ray fish seem popular with the local sportsmen, but those from outside the state seem to prefer the trout, he said. The state game commission feels that a large number of tourists will be fishing in the reservoir, he added.

**Plans to Plant**

Rivers said the commission plans to plant 75,000 rainbow in the reservoir this fall. They will measure from 3 1/2 to 4

inches. At least 175,000 more rainbow trout will be planted next spring, he added. Plantings depend on the storage schedules and how much irrigation water is drawn off, he said.

Neal Butterfield, of the National Park Service, Portland, said the average draw-down will be seven feet at Howard Prairie. The depth will vary from time to time, he said.

Little draw down is anticipated during the summer months when the reservoir will be used for recreation also, he said. This was in answer to questioning by Col. Paul H. Weiland, a member of the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league.

**Irrigation, Power**

People should realize that irrigation and power are the two main purposes of the reservoir, remarked a representative of one of the federal agencies interested in the project. Irrigation and power come first and second. Recreation comes third, he said.

However, he pointed out that Wickup reservoir on the Deschutes river in central Oregon has only been drawn

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Money to purchase needed life saving equipment at the Rogue Valley and Sacred Heart hospitals was recently presented to the institutions by Cliff McGinty, general chairman of the Crater Lions annual TV auction.

During the fiscal year ending July 1, the club announced, it has netted \$10,000 on its Light Bulb sale, Water Ski tournament, Sports fair, and TV auction.

More than \$7,000 of the money was distributed on local community service such as hospital equipment, \$4,000; sight and blind work, \$850; health and welfare, \$500; youth activities, \$900; foreign exchange student, \$650; and respirator maintenance, \$170.

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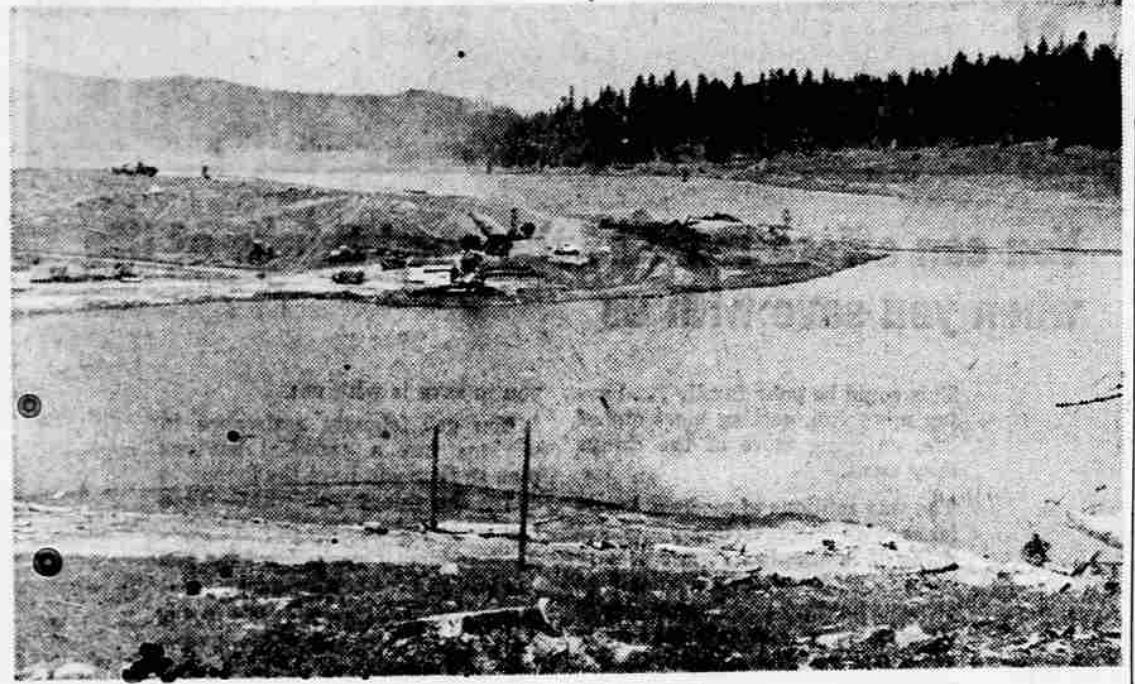
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**WORK PROGRESSES**—Construction machinery was in action Thursday when a touring group looked over the Howard Prairie dam development. The large piece of land jutting out into the water will be covered when the project is complete. Rainy weather and late snows have delayed the contractor. However, the reservoir is scheduled for completion this season. Upon completion it will be used for irrigation supplies while the dam is being raised at Emigrant reservoir.



**TALKING IT OVER**—Marshall Dana (right) head of a Portland Chamber of Commerce delegation, confers with County Judge Rodney Keating. The two men are standing at Hoxie Springs, the site of public use site No. 1 near Howard Prairie reservoir, one of the two public use sites planned. Keating was explaining the county court's views on administration of the possible recreation areas. The two men were part of a tour of 70 people Thursday at the Talent project.



**EXPLAINING CHART**—Neal Butterfield, Portland, National Park Service, (left) and E. K. Peterson, now of Portland and former regional forester here for the bureau of land management, discuss location of possible public use sites on the Howard Prairie reservoir. During the Talent project tour Thursday for Portland and local chambers of commerce, and representatives of various agencies interested, recreational aspects of the Talent project were discussed.

down once during the eight years of its existence. Then it was drawn down to its outlet works.

Irrigation water will be drawn from the Howard Prairie reservoir directly while the Emigrant dam is being raised, it was pointed out. This will start at the end of the current irrigation season this fall and will last during a period of a little less than three years.

**Cover 2,000 Acres**

The reservoir will cover an area of about 2,000 acres and will have an average depth of 30 feet. It will be 75 feet deep at the dam.

Rivers said the state game commission estimates the temperature of the water will be the same as that of Fish Lake and maybe as cold as Diamond Lake.

If developed, public use site No. 1 would be the first of two such areas constructed, Butterfield said. The zoning for this area would cover 1 1/2 mile by a quarter mile.

**Access Road**

Construction of an access road into the area by Jackson county has been delayed because the slash has to be

Operation of site No. 1 would cost an estimated \$3,500 a year, according to figures compiled by Chester Armstrong, state parks commission. The estimated cost would include janitor service, erection of signs, tables and benches, and toilet facilities. Return per year is estimated at site No. 1 at \$570.

All money earned more than the operation costs would go to the bureau of reclamation, which would use it for further development of the site.

Butterfield said it is possible to split the administration of park sites. Ashland, for instance, might take over the administration of the proposed recreation site on Emigrant reservoir.

An estimated total of \$150,000 would be allocated out of total construction costs for recreational site development. However, the county could not expect to have all this fund used for Howard Prairie if it should decide to administer only that site.

During Thursday's tour of the Talent project, Walter Hoffbuhr, Talent Irrigation district manager, said the Talent project would furnish supplementary water to 10,000 acres in the district. Approximately 5,000 new acres would be brought under irrigation.

He said irrigation water from the Talent project actually will only supply more water for land already under irrigation. Marginal land cannot be brought under irrigation, according to bureau of reclamation stipulations, he added.

Tiny Kusaie Island, an area of only 42 square miles, has been occupied in its time by four foreign powers — Spain, Germany, Japan and the United States. It is in the Carolines in the South Pacific.

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